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TODAY'S FFA



The Flame Still Burns



1996-97

Penny Harvest Raises Big Bucks

The first-ever "FFA Penny Harvest" was described as a success by organizer, Gary Bartley. A total of 82 FFA Chapters raised \$21,686.28 in pennies with corporate matching funds bringing in an additional \$27,650.00. The funds raised will be used for Phase II Development of the Florida FFA Leadership Training Center.

The Okeechobee Brahman FFA Chapter won first place honors by raising \$3,229. Advisors, Wayne Clark, Roger McWaters, and Ken Kenworthy said that most of the money was raised from the annual Kiss-A-Pig Contest and the remainder was donated by various individuals and businesses in the community. The Lake Gibson Senior FFA Chapter won second place by raising \$2,381.00. Third place was the Dunnellon Senior FFA with \$1,217.85. All three chapters received a special weekend of lodging and meals for chapter members at the Florida FFA Leadership Training Center.

As a special incentive, each chapter received an entry for a John Deere Gator 6 x 4 Utility Vehicle for each 100 pounds of pennies they raised. With seventeen entries, the Okeechobee FFA Chapter won the Grand Prize. The Dunnellon FFA Chapter won a Hitachi Camcorder for second prize and a \$500 Gift Certificate from Gold Kist Supply went to the East Bay FFA Chapter.

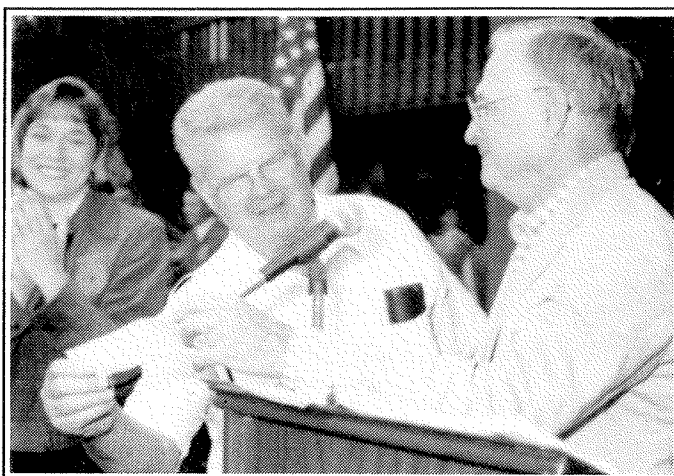
Many thanks go to the following businesses for helping sponsor the "FFA Penny Harvest" program: Barnett Bank, Farm Credit Service, Mid-State Scale Company, Brinks Corporation, Everett Whitehead & Son, John Deere Dealers and Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College. WPCV 97 Country was present during the official weigh-in on the first day of the State FFA Convention.

The Development Committee is already making plans for their Second Annual Penny Harvest.

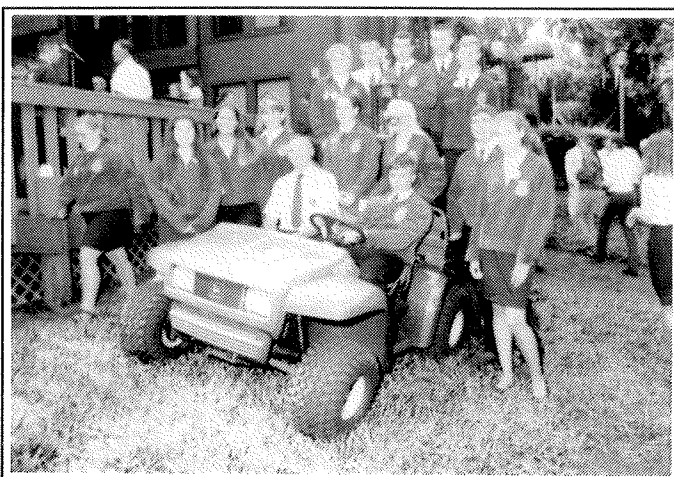
Good Luck!



Mr. Herschell Parrish, President of the Florida FFA Foundation Board expresses his appreciation to the many FFA members and advisors.



Doyle Conner former Commissioner of Agriculture, and Mr. Gilbert Bowen draw the "winning" tickets as Sarah looks on.



The Okeechobee Brahman FFA Chapter is shown with their Grand Prize, a John Deere Gator Utility Vehicle.



FFA Convention offers something for everyone! Entertainment ...



Excitement ...



Action!

68th Annual State FFA Convention Adjourns

On Friday, June 21 at the Grenelefe Golf and Tennis Resort, the tapping of the gavel signaled the end of another year of excitement, recognition, and challenges for the Florida FFA organization.

More than 2000 FFA members, teachers, parents, guests, and sponsors attended the annual conference for students enrolled in agricultural education programs in Florida's middle, junior, and senior high schools.

Outstanding FFA chapters and individual members, as well as sponsoring businesses and supporters, were recognized by the youth leadership organization, which has over 13,000 members statewide in 265 chapters. Sixty-five business and industry representatives were in attendance to present over 900 recognition awards for academic excellence, SAE projects, leadership activities, and community service projects through the FFA Special Project program, states Gary Bartley, Executive Director.

The highlights of the leadership conference included the naming of the State Star Farmer, David Luznar, New Smyrna FFA; State Star in Agribusiness, Carl Lightfoot, Taylor FFA; State Winner in Prepared Speaking, Jolie Gillis, Ponce de Leon; State Winner in Extemporaneous Speaking, Vonnie Tucker, Lake Butler; State Star Greenhand, Brian Dillard, Dade City FFA; and the top Parliamentary Procedure team, Lake Butler Sr.

Convention speakers included Clebe McClary, Pawleys Island, South Carolina; Michael Karpovich, Caro, Michigan; and Andy McCall, National FFA Vice President, Texas.

As the outgoing State FFA Officers prepared to make their way to the classrooms of college campuses, fourteen young, eager, and talented individuals campaigned during the week to seek the state offices. The following were elected by their peers to lead the state association for the 1996-97 term:

Maggie Goodin, President, Taylor Sr.
Jolie Gillis, Area I Vice President, Ponce de Leon Sr.
Robbie Cason, Area II Vice President, Lake Butler Sr.
Mike Reynolds, Area IV Vice President, Kathleen Sr.
Jeff Satin, Area V Vice President, Gaither Sr.
James Smith, Area VI Vice President, Moore Haven Sr.

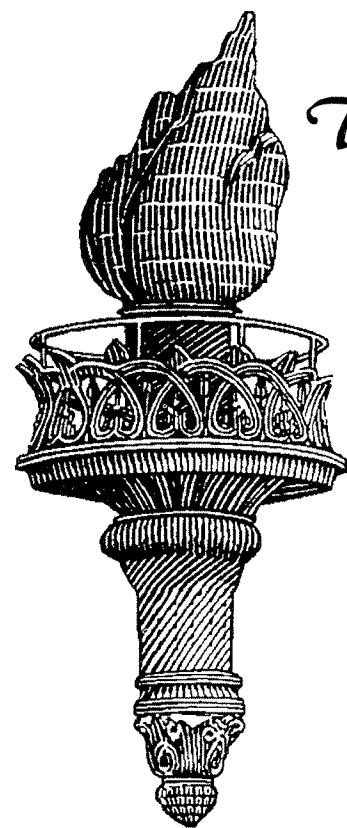


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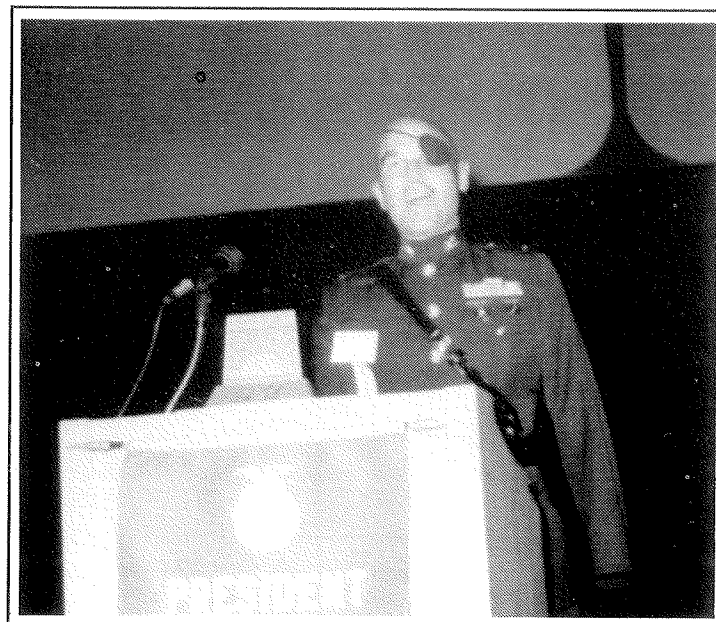
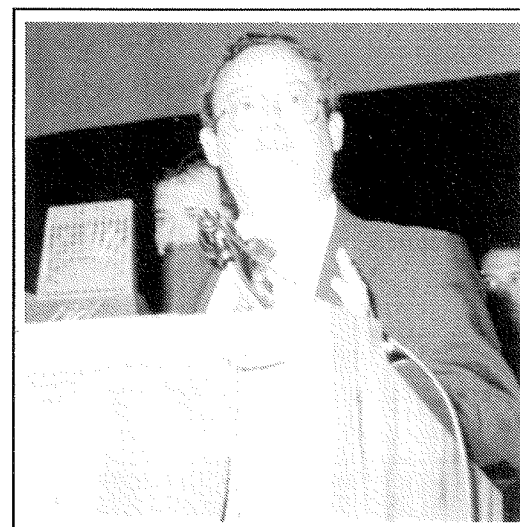
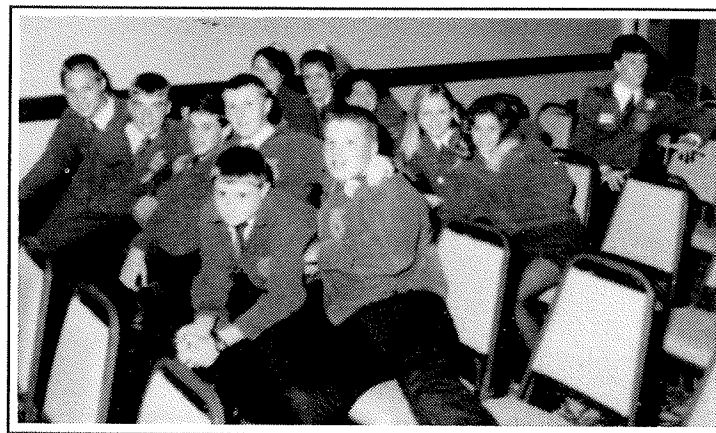
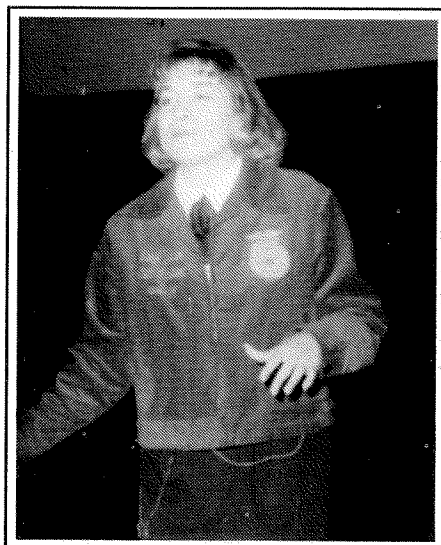


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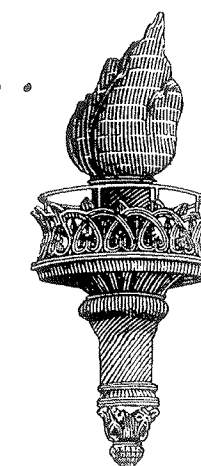


The Officers' Flame ignites Excitement!

As the convention doors opened and the lights and music began, the 1995-96 State FFA Officers took their places on stage. As a team, they had been elected to serve the Florida FFA Association with pride. As a team, they dedicated a year of their lives to serve the FFA. A year later as a team, they were presenting a message of "Light Your Flame, Pass It On." Their enthusiasm has inspired us, and their motivation has driven us to meet this challenge. As State Convention began, their year was coming to an end. "Light Your Flame, Pass It On" was a challenge to every member. Every member has a "flame", but some choose not to kindle it. The FFA helps to ignite the flame within each of us. Finally, as the officers have kindled these "flames" to be blazing lights for those around them, it is time for them to step down and a new group to step up. As you look through this magazine, be willing to be the one who steps up, "Light Your Flame, Pass It On."



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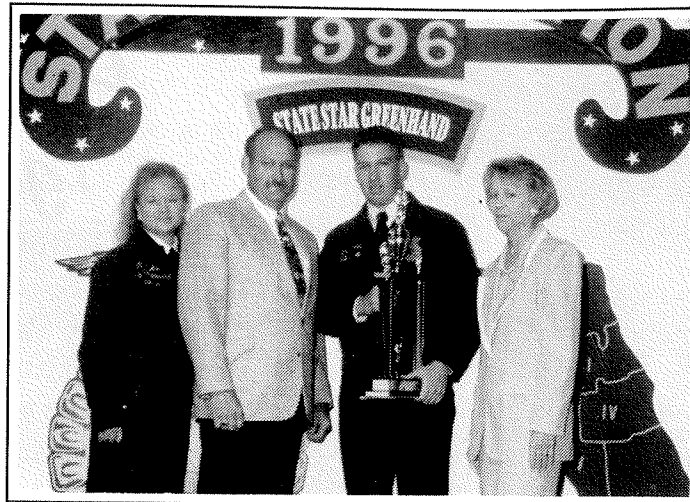
Brian Dilliard Named FFA State Star Greenhand

Dade City Sr. FFA Chapter member Brian Dilliard was named the Florida FFA Association's State Star Greenhand.

Brian is the 16-year-old son of Ed and Jan Dilliard. He is an active member of Dade City Sr. FFA Chapter where he currently holds the office of Vice President. Brian has two steers, four head of commercial cows, ten head of registered Brahms and also has a placement program on Bathle Brothers Ranch.

As the State Star Greenhand, Brian received a trophy and \$150 cash award from Jack M. Berry, Inc., His FFA Advisor, Ed Dilliard received a \$100 cash award also from Jack M. Berry, Inc.

Other finalists who received trophies and \$100 cash awards from Jack M. Berry, Inc. were: Jamie Shiver, Graceville FFA; Katie Jones, Trenton FFA; Dallas Roberts, Dunnellon FFA; Dusty Holley, Auburndale, Sr., FFA; and Chris Cober, Sebring FFA.



(Left to Right) Ila Allen, Area II Vice President; Ed Dilliard, Advisor; Brian Dilliard, State Star Greenhand; Belinda Chason, State FFA Advisor.

Florida FFA Selected State Star in Agribusiness

Taylor FFA Chapter member Carl Lightfoot was selected as the Florida FFA Association's State Star in Agribusiness.

Throughout his FFA career, Carl has held many offices and positions on several teams. For two years he has been employed at a local fernery which is the backbone of his community. He has also worked for 5 years to diversify his swine production enterprise. Carl is the 17-year-old son of Gerlad and Sharyn Lightfoot. As the State Star in Agribusiness, Carl received a plaque, pin, and \$100 cash award from the state sponsor, Gold Kist, Inc. In addition, he received \$200 from the national sponsor, Toyota Motor Sales.

Other finalists who received \$100 cash awards, also from Gold Kist, Inc., were Jolie Gillis, Ponce de Leon FFA Chapter; Aaron Vaughn, Hamilton County FFA Chapter; Damien Negley, George Jenkins FFA Chapter; Wylie Hinton, Plant City FFA Chapter; and James Smith, Moore Haven FFA Chapter.



(Left to Right) Ila Allen, Area II Vice President; Jana Register, Advisor; Gerald Lightfoot; Carl Lightfoot and Jim Loftis representing Gold Kist, Inc.

Florida FFA Selects State Star Farmer

New Smyrna FFA Chapter member David Luznar was named the Florida FFA Association's State Star Farmer.

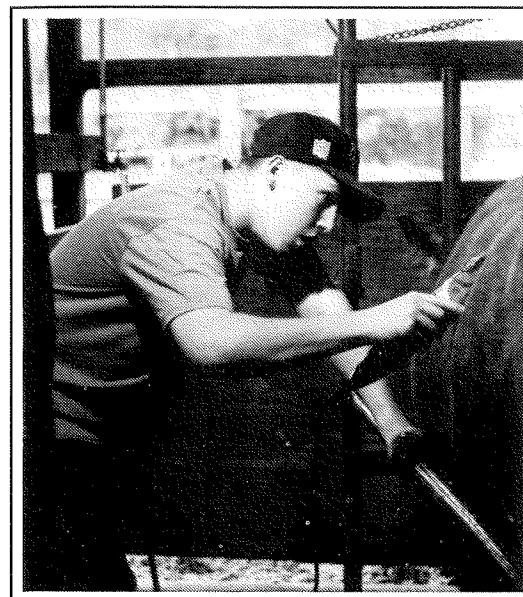
David is the eighteen-year-old son of Frank and Linda Luznar. David has been a very active member of his chapter. He started his project through a local hog breeder who was leaving the business and gained some quality market hogs at reasonable prices. David says, "He didn't realize how difficult it was for his fellow FFA member to find quality hogs for the county fair."

As the State Star in Production, Luznar received a plaque, pin and \$100 cash award from state sponsor Farm Credit Services in Florida. In addition he received \$200 from the national sponsor, the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation.

Other finalists who received \$100 cash awards, also from Farm Credit Services in Florida, were: Jonas Lee Walker, Paxton FFA; Lance Braswell, Lafayette FFA; James Giles, Auburndale FFA; Wade Russell, Okeechobee FFA; and Chris Gordon, Hardee County FFA.



(Left to Right) Ila Allen, Area II Vice President; Jodi Geiger, Advisor; Frank Luznar, Parent; Linda Luznar, Parent; David Luznar, State Winner; Richard Joyner, Farm Credit Services in Florida.



(Left to Right) Ila Allen, Area II Vice President; Erica Oelfke, Agriscience Student of the Year; Jo Ann Brady, Advisor.

State Agriscience Student of the Year

Santa Fe High School student Erica Oelfke was named Agriscience Student of the Year.

Her project was titled "The Influence of an Enzyme and an Antibiotic on Broiler Performance and the Effect of Different Forms of Phosphorus on Laying Hen Performance". Erica says, "My project has encouraged younger students in other academic areas that FFA is more than just farming." Erica has been published in the *International Journal of Poultry Science*. She plans to obtain a degree and become an animal nutritionist.

As state winner Erica received a plaque and a \$1,000 scholarship to a college of choice from the sponsor, Monsanto Agricultural Company.



(Left to Right) Ila Allen, Area II Vice President; Gene Starr, Agriscience Teacher of the Year.

State Agriscience Teacher of the Year

Hamilton County Agriscience teacher, Gene Starr, Jr., was named state winner as Agriscience Teacher of the Year.

Gene received his Bachelor of Science from the University of Florida in 1985. He is presently a graduate student of Valdosta State University studying Administration and Supervision. He has been recognized as a leader in the area of education during his career. His curriculum consists of Agri-Technology and Forestry, which meets the needs of his students as most come from farm families. These objectives are obtained by exploration, hands on activities, and a variety of instructional techniques.



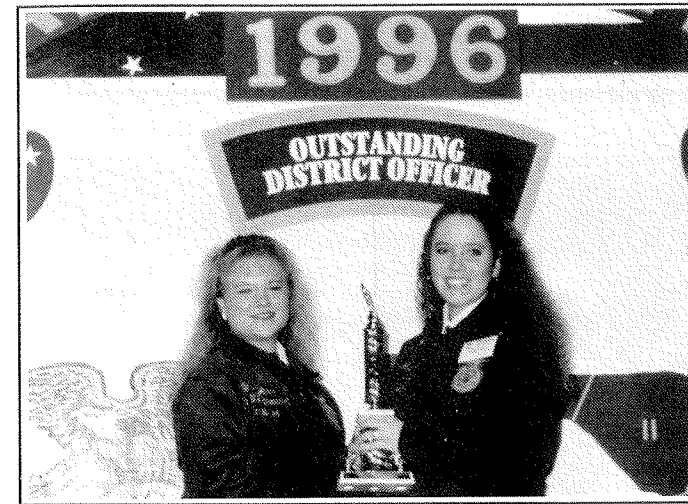
Prepared Public Speaking

The winner of the Prepared Public Speaking contest was Jolie Gillis, Ponce de Leon with her speech "Irradiation: An Alternative Solution". Other district winners included: Dana Baucom, Suwannee; Robbie Cason, Lake Butler; Steve Cere, Cottdale; Maggie Goodin, Taylor; Cheryl Hart, Charlotte; Angie Netherly, Clewiston; Amy Perry, Belleview; Randy Roser, Gaither; Amanda Surles, Okeechobee; Brandi Thomas, St. Cloud; and Jennifer Waldon, Haines City.

Sponsors of this contest were the Florida Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association. The Prepared Speakers present a 5-7 minute speech on an agricultural topic then answer 5 minutes of questions related to their speech.



(Left to Right) Ila Allen, Area II Vice President; Jolie Gillis, State Winner, Prepared Speaking; Carl Beeman representing Florida Vocational Agricultural Teachers Association.



(Left to Right) Ila Allen, Area II Vice President; Maggie Goodin, Outstanding District Officer.

Florida FFA Names Outstanding District Officer

Taylor Sr., FFA Chapter member Maggie Goodin was named the 1996 Outstanding District Officer.

Maggie was selected for her outstanding service to District VI as President. Maggie has participated in many activities in FFA and her community this past year. She has been chosen to be a national Delegate for the past two years. She has also placed 2nd in the State Level in the Prepared Public Speaking Contest in addition to being a member of four state winning teams.

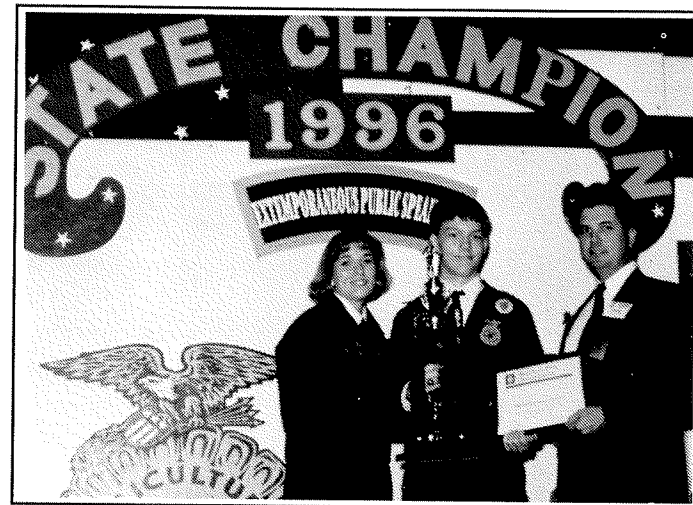
This past year Maggie published a monthly District Newsletter and also hosted the "Making A Difference Leadership Conference" for Florida FFA members.

Maggie received a trophy, sponsored by the Florida FFA Association for her efforts.

Extemporaneous Speaking

The state winner of the Extemporaneous Speaking contest was Vonnie Tucker, Lake Butler. Other district winners were: Kelly Cahill, Lake Weir; Alison Chastain, West Orange; Mark Giffune, South Fork; Candice Gillman, Ponce de Leon; Daisy Leath, Altha; Jennifer Martin, Kathleen; Christian Payne, Suwannee; Roger Prather, Okeechobee; Steven Southwell, Hardee; Chris Vitelli, Plant City; and Katie Widing, Bunnell.

Sponsors of this contest were Florida Farm Bureau Federation. Extemporaneous Speakers receive/select an agricultural topic and then deliver a 4-6 minute speech on this topic after 30 minutes of preparation.



(Left to Right) Sara Dasher, State FFA President; Vonnie Tucker, State Winner, Extemporaneous Speaking; David Kirby, Florida Farm Bureau Federation.



(Left to Right) Ila Allen, Area II Vice President; Jolie Gillis, Outstanding FFA Member.

FVATA Outstanding Student

Jolie Gillis of the Ponce de Leon, Sr. FFA Chapter was named the FVATA Student of the year.

Jolie was selected for this award due to her outstanding service over the past two years as District I President, as well as Ponce de Leon Sr. Chapter President. Jolie was very active in many FFA contests including having been on a state winning Agribusiness Management Team and also the State Extemporaneous Public Speaking Winner.

Jolie received a plaque sponsored by the Florida Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association and the finalists each received a certificate. They are as follows: Aaron Vaughn, Hamilton County FFA Chapter; David Luznar, New Smyrna Beach Sr., FFA Chapter; Maggie Goodin, Taylor Sr., FFA Chapter; James Cranford, Hardee Sr., FFA Chapter.

Creed Contest

The state winner of the creed contest is Sara Bond from the Moore Haven FFA Chapter. The awards are sponsored by Tampa Electric Company. Other finalists are: John Ross, Walnut Hill Middle; Erin Lima, Altha; Stephanie Norris, Bronson; Michael Nighbert, Hilliard; Ashley Edicon, Dunnellon; Renee Retallick, New Smyrna Beach, Jr.; Dwana Hall, Carver Middle; Natasha Bennet, Fort Meade; Emily Black, Weightman Middle; Jeanne Bingham, Charlotte; and Trisha Stevens, Sebring Middle.



(Left to Right) Ila Allen, Area II Vice President; Ben Randolph, Advisor; Sarah Bond, State Winner, Creed Contest; Belinda Chason representing Tampa Electric Company.



(Left to Right) Sarah Dasher, State FFA President; Brent Douglas, Advisor; Seth Turlington, Mebane Middle; and Linda Adkins, Tampa Electric Company.

Agricultural Electrification Essay

Seth Turlington of Mebane was the state Agricultural Electrification Essay contest winner. Other district winners were: Gregory Scott Johnson, Tomlin, Jr.; Scott Knight, Mebane, Jr.; Courtney Landry, Hamilton, Jr.; Chive Ng, Kennedy, Jr.; Jennifer Patterson, Moore Haven; Know Phillips, Kennedy, Jr.; Debra Poveromo, New Smyrna Beach Middle; Amanda Piner, Lake Butler, Jr.; Susan Smith of Moore Haven.

Sponsors of the contest were Florida Power and Light Company and Gulf Power Foundation and Tampa Electric Company. This contest is for 7-9 grade members. The contestants write a 2,000 word essay on energy conservation then answer questions from their manuscript as related to agricultural electricity conservation.

PROFICIENCY AWARDS

Agricultural Communications

Desire, hard work, and an interest in communications has earned Melinda Smiley the state winning Agricultural Communications proficiency award. Melinda, from the Taylor FFA Chapter has used communications skills for a variety of purposes. She produced the Taylor FFA newsletter, banquet programs and brochures, and used her skills to handle bookkeeping for her Father's fern and flower business.

Melinda received a plaque from the state FFA Foundation, a certificate, and a \$100 check from R.R. Donnelley and Sons Company and Farm Progress Companies. Other finalists were: Lynsey Johnson, North Marion FFA and Jolie Gillis, Ponce de Leon Sr.



(Left to Right) Ila Allen, Area II Vice President; Melinda Smiley, State Winner; Jana Register, Advisor.

Agricultural Mechanical Technical Systems

The family business has given Stephen Bailey of the Columbia FFA Chapter skills that will last a lifetime. Stephen began by working in the family tractor and equipment repair business. Stephen is now a competent repairman who also buys and sells farm equipment at auctions. As a result, Stephen has earned the state winning Agricultural Mechanics proficiency award.

Tampa Electric Company, Gulf Power Foundation, and Florida Power and Light Company donated a plaque and \$200 to Stephen and \$100 to his advisor, Jill Huesman. Carquest Corporation and Chrysler corporation donated an additional \$100 for Stephen. Other finalists were: Chuck Pollard, Hamilton County; Mike O'Donnell, Orlando Colonial; Bryan King, New Smyrna Beach; and Erin Hubbard, George Jenkins.



(Left to Right) Sara Dasher, State FFA President; Pace Getzen, Advisor; Stephen Bailey, State Winner; Linda Adkins, Tampa Electric Company.

Agriculture Processing

Energy and dedication are two words that can be used to describe Charles Pollard. Charles not only works as a meat cutter's assistant, but he also has a job in welding and his own welding business. Charles, of the Hamilton County FFA, is this year's Agricultural Processing state proficiency award winner.

Florida Peanut Producers Association sponsored \$200 and a plaque for Charles along with \$100 for his advisor, Gene A. Starr, Jr. One hundred dollars was also given to Charles from Ag. Processing, Inc. and Archer Daniels Midlands Co. Other finalists were: Eric Morgan, George Jenkins, David Luznar, New Smyrna Beach; Kevin Fulford, Chiefland; Victor Castro, Orlando Colonial.



(Left to Right) Sarah Dasher, State FFA President; Gene Starr, Advisor; Charles Pollard, State Winner; Sherry Saunders, Florida Peanut Producers Association.

PROFICIENCY AWARDS

Agricultural Sales And/Or Service

Customer service and satisfaction, advertising, and proper business management are the three most important skills Robert Lee Cason, Jr. feels he has learned in agricultural sales and/or service. Robert, of the Lake Butler Chapter, has worked in his uncle's feed store. His responsibilities include waiting on customers, bagging seed, taking inventory, and creating fertilizer formulations.

Dunson Harvesting, Inc. sponsored a plaque and a \$200 cash award for Robert and \$100 for his advisors. Robert also received \$100 from Chevy Trucks, The Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co., Case Corporation, and Vigortone Agriculture Products. Stacey Smiley, Taylor FFA; Daniel Ryals, Suwannee; David Luznar, New Smyrna; and Bryan King, New Smyrna Beach were also finalists.



(Left to Right) Sarah Dasher, State FFA President; Charlotte Emerson, Advisor; Robert Lee Cason, State Winner; Gary Bartley representing Dunson Harvesting, Inc.

Beef Entrepreneurship

High quality and high technology are two ways to describe the beef enterprise of Jonas Walker, Paxton FFA. Jonas uses his skills to manage his portion of the family cattle business. The family uses the best feeds and vaccinations and markets their cattle using video teleconferencing.

Flint River Mills provided a plaque and \$200 award to Jonas as well as \$100 to Odon Russell, Paxton FFA advisor, while Nasco Division / Nasco International, Inc. and Mallinckrodt Veterinary, Inc. are also to be thanked for their sponsorship of \$100 award. Other finalists were William Baxley, Lake Weir Sr., Kit Beasley, Cheifland; Bryan Jones, Columbia; and Jeremy Pittman, Hamilton Co.



(Left to Right) Sarah Dasher, State FFA President; Odon Russell, Advisor; Jonas Walker, State Winner; Olen Donaldson, Flint River Mills, Inc.

Beef Placement

By working at Arrow Branch, Josh Wilson has learned many skills that will help him succeed in the cattle industry. Josh has learned about the different aspects of ranching such as feeding, working cattle, building and repairing fence, and selecting replacement animals. Josh is from the Okeechobee Brahman chapter, and the state proficiency winner for Beef Placement.

Baldwin Angus Ranch and the Florida Beef Cattle Improvement Association sponsored \$200 and a plaque for Josh and \$100 for his advisors, Roger McWaters, Wayne Clark, and Ken Kenworthy. Cactus Feeders, Inc. Evergreen Mills, Fort Dade Animal Health, and Kent Foods Inc. also donated \$100 for Josh. Maggie Goodin, Taylor FFA; John Sanislow, Orlando Colonial; and Kyle Hudson, Ponce de Leon FFA were also state finalists.



(Left to Right) Sarah Dasher, State FFA President; Ken Kenworthy, Advisor; Josh Wilson, State Winner; Leroy Baldwin, Florida Beef Cattle Improvement Association & Baldwin Angus Ranch.

PROFICIENCY AWARDS

Dairy Production

Erica Oelfke has proven to be successful in management and research with dairy cattle which has earned her the state winning Dairy Production proficiency award. As a Santa Fe Sr. member, Erica has worked closely with the University of Florida to develop nutrition research projects. Erica has also represented the United States at the International Science Fair in Ontario, Canada. She plans to obtain a Ph.D. in animal nutrition and work in biotechnology research.

Dairy Farmers, Inc. donated \$200 and a plaque for Erica and \$100 for her advisors, Jo Ann Brady and Billy Farrell. One hundred dollars was also donated for Erica from Alfa-Lava Agri, Inc., American Breeders Service Global, Inc. and Manna Pro Corporation. Other finalists were: Sonja Ash, Lafayette; Chris Land, Lafayette; Kathryn Thornhill, Haines City and Daniel Van Wagner, North Marion.



(Left to Right) Sarah Dasher, State FFA President; Jo Ann Brady, Advisor; Erica Oelfke, State Winner; Amy Bosley, Dairy Farmer's, Inc.

Diversified Crop Placement

Gavin Willis of the North Marion Sr. Chapter has developed many technical skills while working with the University of Florida Agronomy Development. Gavin has learned to collect and record crop data including crop yields, precipitation, fertilizer and pesticide applications, and soil deficiencies. He has also assisted with crop harvesting, machinery maintenance, and irrigation repairs, earning Gavin the state winning Diversified Crop Production proficiency award.

C.F. Industries, Inc. donated a plaque and \$200 to Gavin and \$100 to his advisors, Sandra Dailey, Jill Stephens, and Gary Lindsey. Cargill donated an additional \$100 check to Gavin. Willie Agner, Jr., Madison and Lance Braswell, Lafayette were also finalists.



(Left to Right) Sarah Dasher, State FFA President; Sandra Dailey, Advisor; Gavin Willis, State Winner; A. L. "Judge" Holmes, C.F. Industries, Inc.

Diversified Livestock Entrepreneurship

In order to expand his enterprise, Bryan King, the state proficiency award winner for Diversified Livestock Entrepreneurship, borrowed money against his college fund and was rewarded for his determination. Bryan King of the New Smyrna Beach Sr. FFA Chapter began with a herd of 75 head of cattle. His swine project began with one breeding gilt and has expanded into a growing business.

Poultry Health Service and IVOMEC sponsored a plaque and \$200 for Bryan and \$100 for his advisor, Jodi Geiger. An additional \$100 was given to Bryan by Mallinckrodt Veterinary, Inc. and Wayne Food Division/Continental Grain Company. Other state finalists are Carl Lightfoot, Taylor Sr. FFA; Dustin Jones Trenton Sr. FFA; Jason Hayfird, Bethlehem Sr. FFA; and Robert Cason, Lake Butler Sr. FFA.



(Left to Right) Sarah Dasher, State FFA President; Jodi Geiger, Advisor; Bryan King, State Winner; Bobby Pirkle, Poultry Health Services; Tony Aquilino, IVOMEC.

PROFICIENCY AWARDS

Emerging Technology

Kim Pittman of the Trenton FFA Chapter has used a Geographical Information System or (GIS) mapping system in order to create county information maps. Kim has determined and plotted soil classifications, created computer generated maps, developed overlays for aerial photographs, and worked with legal land descriptions. The experience and knowledge that Kim has gained from her project has earned her the state winning Emerging Technology proficiency award.

The FFA Foundation sponsored a plaque while Caterpillar, Inc. sponsored a certificate and a \$100 check.



(Left to Right) Ila Allen, Area II Vice President; Kim Pittman, State Winner; Michelle Walker-Crawford, Advisor.

Equine Science

There is no time for horseplay for Courtney Landry of the Hamilton County FFA Chapter. Since the age of ten, Courtney has held an interest in horses. She balances three shows per month over two states. She has purchased her own equipment and is preparing for a career in equine science.

Courtney received \$200 and a plaque from Seminole Feed and an additional \$100 from Red Brand Fence, American Paint Horse Association, and Georgia Boat, Inc. Her advisor, Gene A. Starr received \$100 from Seminole Feed. Randall Roser, Jr. Gaither FFA; Jason Parrish, Lake Butler FFA; Mary Osborne, Santa Fe FFA; and Jennifer Bruser, Lake Weir FFA were also state finalists.



(Left to Right) Sarah Dasher, State FFA President; Gene Starr, Advisor; Courtney Landry, State Winner; Sally Carter, Seminole Feed.

Feeder Steer Award

Over \$1300 was invested by Melina Albright into her prize winning steer. Melina of the West Orange FFA Chapter showed her Herford/Angus cross steer at the Central Florida Fair. The steer took Reserve Grand Champion.

Florida Cattleman's Association sponsored a plaque and a \$200 check for Melina as well as a \$100 check for her advisor Rick Stotler. Robin Wright, West Orange FFA; Kelli Sand, Santa Fe FFA; Drew Jackson, Suwannee FFA; and Courtne Ann Davidson, Lake Butler Sr. FFA were also state finalists.



(Left to Right) Sarah Dasher, State FFA President; Richard Stotler, Advisor; Melina Albright, State Winner; Leroy Baldwin, Florida Cattleman's Association.

PROFICIENCY AWARDS

Feeder Swine Award

Alison Chastain of the West Orange FFA Chapter had spent over four hundred hours with her swine project. Alison's hard work paid off when her pig placed first in its class, won the record book award and the weight gain award. Alison also was awarded second place senior showman.

Flint River Mills, Inc. sponsored a plaque and \$200 for Alison and \$100 for her advisor Rick Stotler. Other finalists were Peggy Andrea Rudser; Hamilton County FFA; Kevin Ogden, Bloomingdale Sr., FFA; Debra Poveromo, New Smyrna Beach Jr.; and Ashley Goolsby, Hamilton County FFA.

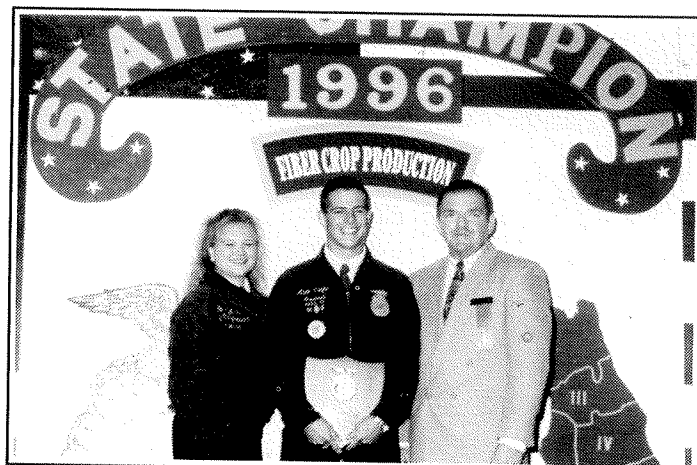


(Left to Right) Sarah Dasher, State FFA President; Richard Stotler, Advisor; Alison Chastain, State Winner; Olen Donaldson, Flint River Mills, Inc.

Fiber Crop Production

Michael Amerson has truly worked his way up in the cotton fields, and because of his hard work, Michael earned the state winning proficiency award for Fiber Crop Production. Michael of the Hamilton County FFA Chapter began by working as a farm hand. He developed his skills and is now a field manager of over 40 acres of cotton. He makes decisions on soil preparation, planting, fertilizing, insect/disease control, and harvesting.

Michael received a plaque from the Florida FFA Foundation, a certificate, and a \$100 cash award from Sandoz Agro, Inc.



(Left to Right) Ila Allen, Area II Vice President; Michael Amerson, State Winner; Gene Starr, Advisor.

Floriculture

Marshall Cade of the Taylor Sr. FFA Chapter was awarded the state winning proficiency for his program in Floriculture Production. Marshall is in charge of a well-managed operation through his cut-foliage business. Marshall has expanded from a half-acre of tree fern to added acreage as well as a variety of species.

Marshall received \$200 and a plaque from Chemical Dynamics and \$100 from Professional Plant Growers Association, American Floral Endowment, Biomat, Inc. and Valet Corporation. His advisors Jana Register, Thomas Duke, and Mark Stevenson received \$100 from Chemical Dynamics. Andrew Straley, DeLand Sr. FFA; Joy Massy, DeLand Sr. FFA; Carl Lightfoot, Taylor Sr. FFA; and Josh Brumenschenkel, Taylor Sr. FFA were also state finalists.



(Left to Right) Sarah Dasher, State FFA President; Mark Stevenson, Advisor; Thomas Duke, Advisor; Jana Register, Advisor; Marshall Cade, State Winner; David Carson, Chemical Dynamics.

PROFICIENCY AWARDS

Forage Production

Riley Waters, the state proficiency winner for Forage Production, has always found a way around problems instead of getting stopped by them. When Riley's father did not want to include a square bailing project in his business, Riley borrowed money, leased land, and started a business of his own. Riley has had no problems selling hay and is saving money toward a tractor of his own.

Riley, of the Hamilton County FFA Chapter, received \$200 and a plaque from Kubota Tractor Corporation who also gave his advisor, Gene A. Starr, Jr. \$100. Gehl Company and Northrups King Co. also donated \$100 to Riley. Other finalists were: Justin Wade Tauton, North Marion FFA; Daniel Coursen, Lake Butler FFA, and Lance Braswell, Lafayette FFA.



(Left to Right) Gene Starr, Advisor; Riley Waters, State Winner; Sarah Dasher, State FFA President.

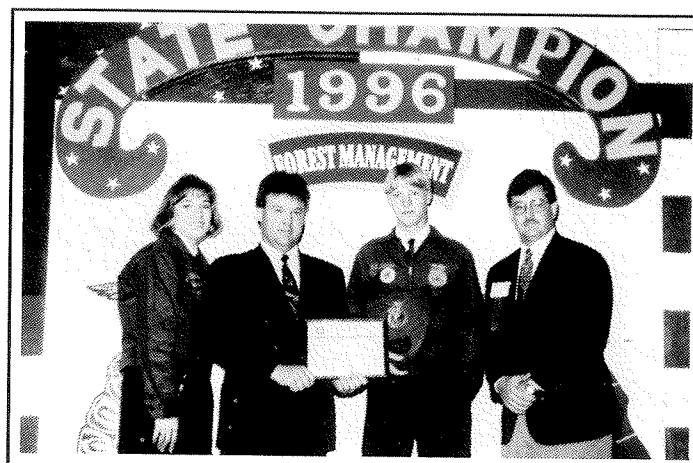
Forest Management

Suwannee FFA Member William Johnson, Jr., probably didn't expect his two-year-old planted pines to pay dividends so early - but his project earned him the state winning FFA Forest Management proficiency award.

William used money he earned from his beef cattle and farm wages to purchase a 40-acre land tract. He decided to make the long-term investment in pine trees and completed all of the necessary site preparation on this property. He plans to harvest pine straw annually while waiting for an expected 20 year pay-off of \$40,000.

William received a plaque; a \$200 cash award from the state sponsor Florida Forestry Association; and a \$100 check from the national sponsors, Homelite, Chrysler Corporation and Stone Container Corporation. His advisors also received a \$100 cash award from the state sponsor.

Other finalists were: Matthew Elixson, Lake Butler, Sr.; Kit Beasley, Chiefland; Donald Music, Suwannee and Holley Rowan, Sneads.



(Left to Right) Sarah Dasher, State FFA President; Bill Brothers, Advisor; William Johnson, Jr., State Winner; Mike Joiner, Florida Forestry Association.

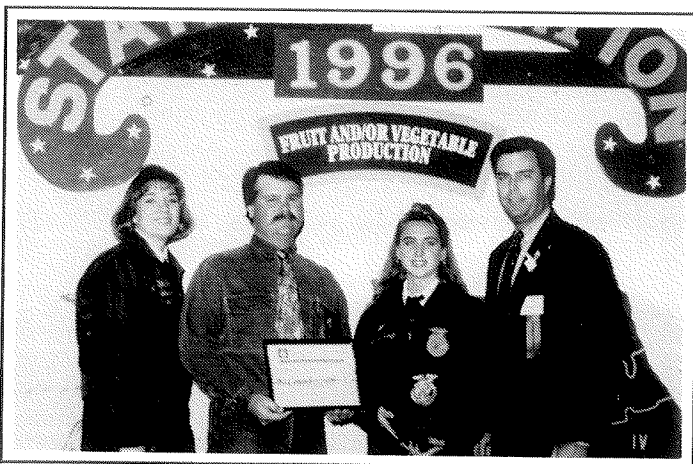
Fruit and/or Vegetable Production

Taylor FFA Member Bonnie Hough works hard to "squeeze" every drop of profit from her three-acre orange grove. Today, she also squeezed a state winning proficiency award in Fruit and/or Vegetable production from her operation.

Bonnie manages 282, four-year-old Navel orange trees. Involved with the young grove since day one, Bonnie has learned how to properly irrigate, fertilize and prevent disease/insect infestations. She has also learned the proper techniques for protecting the trees during cold weather.

Bonnie received a plaque; a \$200 cash award from the state sponsor, Florida Fruit and Vegetable Association; and a \$100 check from the national sponsor, Briggs & Stratton Corporation. Her advisers also received a \$100 cash award from the state sponsor.

Other finalists were: Elizabeth Fogleman, Taylor; Adam Johnston, Orlando Colonial; Andrew Banister Love, Lake Weir and Alma "Frances" Osteen, Bronson.



(Left to Right) Sarah Dasher, State FFA President; Mark Stevenson, Advisor; Bonnie Hough, State Winner; Ray Gilmer, Florida Fruit and Vegetable Association.

PROFICIENCY AWARDS

Home & Community Development

Santa Fe FFA Member Sara Sloan turned her volunteer work for Habitat for Humanity into a state winning FFA proficiency award for Home and Community Development.

Sara was a founding member of the City of Alachua Habitat for Humanity. She worked over 250 hours building two new homes for the community's less fortunate. Through her volunteer experience, she developed many skills including hammering, sawing, hanging sheetrock and laying cinder blocks. She was one of the few women on the job sites and was by far the youngest member of this volunteer team.

Sara received a plaque; a \$200 cash award from the state sponsor, Adams Building Materials; and a \$100 check from the national sponsor, DeWalt Tools. Her advisor, Jo Ann Brady, also received a \$100 cash award from the state sponsor.

Other finalists were: Jolie Gillis, Ponce de Leon; Lawrence Bryan King, New Smyrna Beach; David Luznar, New Smyrna Beach and Katie Pittman, Lake Butler.



(Left to Right) Sarah Dasher, State FFA President; Jo Ann Brady, Advisor; Sara Sloan, State Winner; Gary Bartley representing Adams Building Materials.

Landscape Management

Keeping the grounds of a local golf and country club in tip-top shape has earned George Jenkins FFA Member Damien Negley the state winning award in the Landscape Management proficiency program.

Damien has worked outdoors for years; first in his own yard, then in his neighbors' yards and finally on the beautiful grounds of the Grasslands Golf and Country Club. Through these experiences, he has sharpened his turf and landscaping skills which he hopes to one day use as a golf course grounds supervisor.

Damien received a plaque; a \$200 cash award from the state sponsor, Florida Nurseryman and Growers Association; and a \$100 check from the national sponsor, The Scotts Company. His advisor, Brad Lacey, also received a \$100 cash award from the state sponsor.

Other finalists were: Brian P. Crossley, Dunnellon Sr.; Sara Messires, Orlando Colonial; Jason Putnal, New Smyrna Beach and David Wells, Taylor.



(Left to Right) Ila Allen, Area II Vice President; Brad Lacey, Advisor; Damien Negley, State Winner; Earl Wells, Florida Nurserymen & Growers Association.

Nursery Operations

A small family hobby has grown into a profitable business for Suwannee FFA Member Christina Payne. It has also grown into the state winning Nursery Operations proficiency program.

Christina helped her father start a small hobby nursery after he became disabled. In return for her efforts, she received a 30% share in ownership. Two years later, the nursery has grown in almost 3,000 one-gallon and three-gallon ornamental plants; five-gallon fruit and ornamental trees as well as vegetable and annual bedding plants. The business profits have enabled Christina to save enough money for her first two years of college; powerful proof that family farming can still succeed.

Christina received a plaque; a \$200 cash award from the state sponsor, Sunniland Corporation; and a \$100 check from the national sponsors, Chrysler Motors Corp-Dodge Trucks and Merck Ag Vet Division. Her advisors also received a \$100 cash award from the state sponsor.

Other finalists were: Steven Cohen, Taylor; Carl Lightfoot, Taylor; Andrew Straley, DeLand and James Wesley Thompson, Kathleen.



(Left to Right) Ila Allen, Area II Vice President; Bill Brothers, Advisor; Christina Payne, State Winner; Gary Bartley representing Sunniland Corporation.

PROFICIENCY AWARDS

Outdoor Recreation

A genuine love of the outdoors led Chiefland FFA Member Kit Beasley to get involved in wildlife management.

Kit has worked with the Gulf Hammock Hunting Club Manager Bill Geiger to improve the Club's game and fish resources. Kit has planted food plots, constructed and maintained wildlife feeders, purchased bred deer for release, stocked rock pits with catfish, plus trapped and castrated wild hogs. He has also consulted with numerous wildlife officials to learn more about proper management. Skills learned include how to conduct hog and deer counts as well as determine deer age through jawbone analysis.

Kit received a plaque; a \$200 cash award from the state sponsor, Bowen Brothers, Inc. and a \$100 check from the national sponsors, Chevy Trucks, Imperial Schrader Corporation and O.F. Mossberg and Sons, Inc. His advisor, Eli Beasley, also received \$100 cash award from the state sponsor.

Other finalists were: Jason Cook, Sneads; Bryan King, New Smyrna Beach; Travis Land, Suwannee and Andrew Love, Lake Weir.



(Left to Right) Ila Allen, Area II Vice President; Eli Beasley, Advisor; Kit Beasley, State Winner; Adam Jacoby, Bowen Brothers, Inc.

Poultry Production

New Smyrna Beach FFA member David Luznar certainly has something to "cackle" about. His work on Cackleberry Farms, his family's laying hen operation, earned him the state winning FFA Poultry Production Proficiency award.

David works for his family's 30,000 laying hen operation, plus owns 5,000 birds of his own. These hens can produce up to 72,000 eggs per week which must be picked up twice daily, sorted, graded and delivered to local restaurants and other customers who want "farm fresh" eggs. David has learned the importance of proper nutrition for maximum production, proper grading for egg quality, computer record keeping for accuracy and customer relations for maintaining a strong customer base.

David received a plaque; a \$200 cash award from the state sponsor, Florida Poultry Federation and a \$100 check from the national sponsors, Chore-Time Equipment and Schering-Plough Animal Health. His advisor, Jodi Geiger, also received a \$100 cash award from the state sponsor.

Other finalists were: Jennifer Gamble, Suwannee; Jed Phillips, Madison; Amanda Russell, Paxton and Christopher Sisk, Baker County Sr.



(Left to Right) Ila Allen, Area II Vice President; Jodi Geiger, Advisor; David Luznar, State Winner; Chuck Smith, Florida Poultry Federation.

Sheep Production

South Fork FFA Member Kristy Zimmerman certainly isn't "Sheepish" about her growing livestock enterprise. Her 23-head breeding and showing operation earned her the state winning Sheep Production proficiency program.

Kristy began showing lambs in 4-H at age six. While raising and showing market lambs, she visited a Kansas sheep feedlot. There she learned a great deal about proper selection, feeding, exercising, herd health and record keeping. Her flock has grown from three sheep in 1992 to 23 head at present. She has won numerous championships with her sheep and plans to raise club lambs for future FFA and 4-H members.

Kristy received a plaque from the Florida FFA Foundation, a certificate and a \$100 cash award from the national sponsors, Wrangler Division of V.F. Corporation and Kent Feeds Incorporated.

The other finalists were Jessica Day, Madison; Jason Hayford, Bethlehem and Amy Perry, Belleview.



(Left to Right) Ila Allen, Area II Vice President; Kristy Zimmerman, State Winner; Wendy Pattison, Advisor.

PROFICIENCY AWARDS

Small Animal Care

Lake Weir FFA Member Jennifer Lynn Brueser certainly believes dogs are a "man's best friend!" Her love for the four-legged canines earned her the state winning Small Animal Care Proficiency award.

Jennifer has owned dogs since age seven. Her original goal was to train her pets to be well mannered in various situations. However, her interest quickly expanded into showing her animals competitively while also training other people's animals. She also maintains a pet sitting service for family and friends. Some of the additional skills she has developed include: serving as a ring steward for local AKC shows, following a scheduled internal and external parasite prevention program and being able to read a dog's body language.

Jennifer received a plaque; a \$200 cash award from the state sponsor, Florida State Fair Authority; and a \$200 cash award from the national sponsor, Sandoz Agro, Inc. Her advisors also received a \$100 cash award from the state sponsor.

Other finalists were Abby Clark, Moore Haven; Jolie Gillis, Ponce de Leon; Aneda Thornburg, DeLand and Misty White, Orlando Colonial.



(Left to Right) Ila Allen, Area II Vice President; Terry Stoothoof, Advisor; Jennifer Lynn Brueser, State Winner; Carl Beeman representing Florida State Fair Authority.

Soil and Water Management

Ponce de Leon FFA Member Walter Bowers' conservation efforts both at home and school made him the "natural" choice for the state winning Soil and Water Management proficiency award.

Walter has participated in numerous soil and conservation activities including planting food plots and pine trees near his home and assisting the Ponce de Leon FFA Chapter with pine seedling plantings and controlled burns in their chapter forest. He has also attended the FFA Forestry Camp, served on his Chapter's forestry and land judging teams and competed in the local soil and water conservation speech contests.

Walter received a plaque; a \$200 cash award from the state sponsor, Florida Association of Conservation Districts and a \$100 check from the national sponsor, American Cyanamid Company. His advisor, M.L. Gillis, also received a \$100 cash award from the state sponsor.

Other finalists were: Kyle Hudson, Ponce De Leon; Chris Brooks, Ponce De Leon and Carl Lightfoot, Taylor.



(Left to Right) Ila Allen, Area II Vice President; Leroy Gillis, Advisor; Walter Bowers, State Winner; Adam Jacoby representing Florida Association of Conservation Districts.

Specialty Animal Production

No one can "kid" North Marion FFA member Ashley Dobbs about her goat operation since it was named the state winning specialty Animal Production Proficiency program.

Ashley received her first goat from family friends. Today, she maintains between 5-6 head at a time and endeavors to increase her year round show schedule by one location each year. Some of the skills she has learned through this project include proper breeding, selection and nutrition; health care/disease prevention; accurate record keeping and correct grooming.

Ashley received a plaque; a \$200 cash award from the state sponsor, Everett Whitehead and son, Inc. and a \$100 check from the national sponsors, American Dairy Goat Assoc., Purina Mills, Inc. and County General Stores. Her advisor, Jill Stephens, also received a \$100 cash award from the state sponsor.

Other finalists were: Mindy Browning, Lake Butler Sr.; Joshua Foster, DeLand; Sheree Mosely, Orlando Colonial and Dorothy Fossler, Orlando Colonial.



(Left to Right) Ila Allen, Area II Vice President; Jill Stephens, Advisor; Ashley Dobbs, State Winner; Carl Beeman representing Everett Whitehead & Son.

PROFICIENCY AWARDS

Specialty Crop Production

Moore Haven FFA Member Brad Lundy enjoyed the "sweet taste of success" as his sugarcane operation was named the state winning Specialty Crop proficiency award.

Brad took on a bank note to plant his first sugarcane two years ago. Since that time, his operation has grown to 25 acres and his first harvest tonnage was 45% above average production. One of the most important skills he has developed is in working with others. From planting to harvest he has conducted business with numerous companies. He plans to continue growing sugarcane while obtaining a degree in horticulture.

Brad received a plaque; a \$200 cash award from the state sponsor, Florida Watermelon Association and a \$100 check from the national sponsors, Wilber-Ellis, Jr., NA-Churs Plant Food Company and Kubota Tractor Corporation. His Advisor, Ben Randolph also received a \$100 cash award from the state sponsor.

Other finalists were: Ashley Elizabeth Brown, Trenton; Santa Anna M. Deas, Hamilton; Blake Dicks, Lake Butler and Clifford Starling, Suwannee.



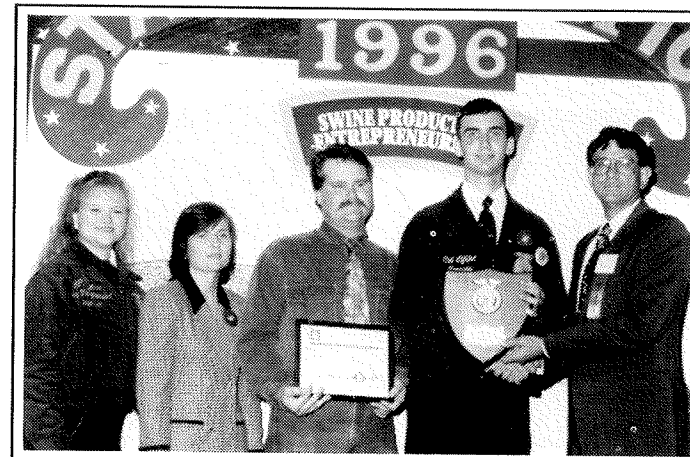
(Left to Right) Ila Allen, Area II Vice President; Ben Randolph, Advisor; Brad Lundy, State Winner; Janice Crews, Florida Watermelon Association.

Swine Entrepreneurship

Animals from Taylor Sr. FFA Member Carl Lightfoot's herd have won numerous grand championships, reserve grand championships and individual classes at fairs in four surrounding counties. Carl joined his animals in the winner's circle as he was named the state winner in the Swine Entrepreneurship proficiency program.

Carl first got involved in the swine business when he showed a market hog at the county fair. Seeing the limited availability of quality show pigs, Carl decided to start a top quality breeding program. He used artificial insemination from top indexing sires to drastically improve the herd's blood lines - his sows are now over 85% Yorkshire as a direct result. Carl's animals are in big demand locally as both show and feeder pigs. His project has taught him the value of hard work, setting and obtaining goals, and the importance of keeping accurate records.

Carl received a plaque; a \$200 cash award from the state sponsor, Florida Pork Improvement Group and a \$100 check from the national sponsors, Pfizer Animal Health and Purina Mills, Inc. His advisors also received a \$100 cash award from the state sponsor. Other finalists were: Tara Clark, Taylor Sr.; Katie Jones, Trenton Sr.; Bryan King, New Smyrna Beach Sr. and David Luznar, New Smyrna Beach Sr. FFA.



(Left to Right) Ila Allen, Area II Vice President; Jana Register, Advisor; Mark Stevenson, Advisor; Carl Lightfoot, State Winner; Gary Bartley representing Florida Pork Improvement Group.

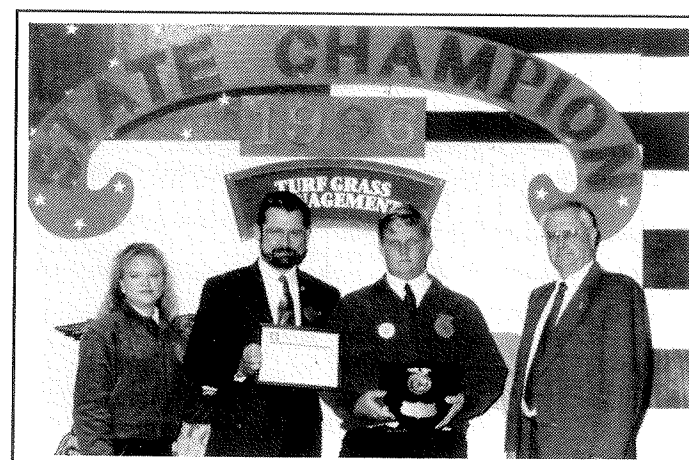
Turf Grass Management

Working in the "green" business has been both profitable and rewarding for the Armwood FFA Member Patrick Lasecki. This small business owner was also named the state winner of the Turfgrass Management proficiency award.

Patrick began lawn maintenance work to supplement his nursery business. After a few months he was earning more in one month with the lawn business than he did in six months with the nursery. He began to expand his lawn service attracting both commercial and residential clients. He has invested in new equipment which enables him to perform quality work with greater efficiency.

Patrick received a plaque; a \$200 cash award from the state sponsor, Florida Turfgrass Association and a \$100 check from the national sponsor, The Scotts Company. He advisor, Eddy Watkins also received a \$100 cash award from the state sponsor.

Other finalists were: Jason Hendricks, Lake Butler; Jason Swagler, Dunnellon; Adam Ownes, New Smyrna Beach and Jason Putnal, New Smyrna Beach.



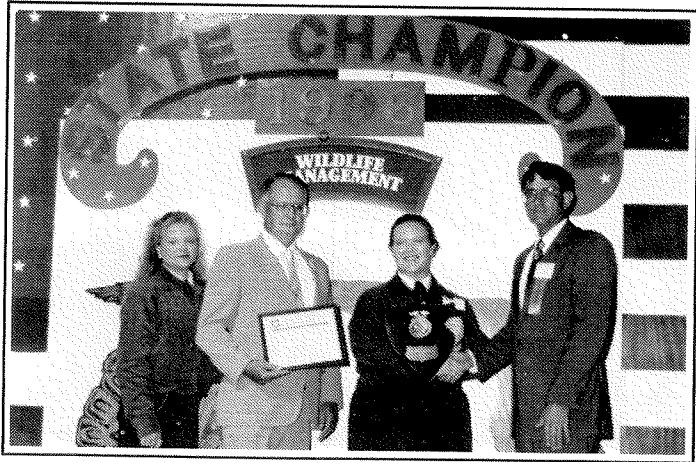
(Left to Right) Ila Allen, Area II Vice President; Eddy Watkins, Advisor; Patrick Lasecki, State Winner; Carl Beeman representing Florida Turfgrass Association.

PROFICIENCY AWARDS

Wildlife Management

Ponce de Leon FFA Member Jolie Gillis has grown up on a farm in northwest Florida. Most of that farm has been converted from row-crop land to planted pines. This provides excellent habitat for an array of wildlife species. Jolie has designated herself caretaker of that habitat. Some of her accomplishments include restocking catfish ponds, laying sod to control erosion, building four different water habitats and providing animal feeding stations throughout the property.

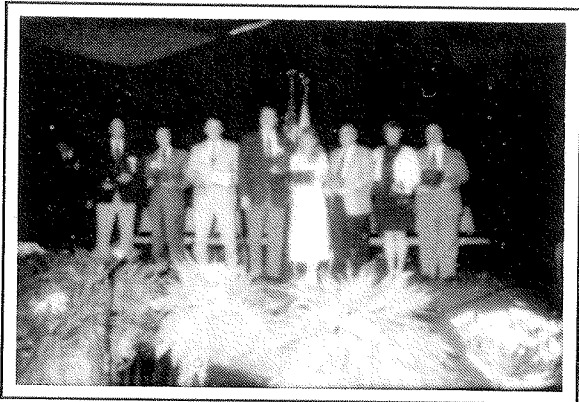
Jolie received a plaque; a \$200 cash award from the state sponsor, Florida Wildlife Federation and a \$100 Check from the national sponsors, Buck Knives and Bass Pro Shops. Her advisor, M.L. Gillis, also received a \$100 cash award from the state sponsor. Other finalists were: Kit Beasley, Chiefland; Nadia Hardan, Lake Butler Sr.; Bonner King, New Smyrna Beach and Paul Rowan, Sneads.



(Left to Right) Ila Allen, Area II Vice President; Leroy Gillis, Advisor; Jolie Gillis, State Winner; Gary Bartley representing Florida Wildlife Federation.



American FFA Degree Recipients for 1997.



Honorary Degree Recipients receive their recognition.

American FFA Degree

The American FFA Degree is the most prestigious degree that an FFA member can receive. This year the following members will receive their American FFA Degree at the National FFA Convention in Kansas City:

Ila K. Allen, Suwannee; Christopher L. Brown, Kathleen; Jennifer L. Brueser, Lake Weir; Jeremy Burris, Plant City; Sarah D. Carte, Suwannee; Cindy Chesser, Santa Fe; Travis D. Cooper, Dixie County; John P. Eubanks, Williston; Molly Freel, Lake Weir; Andrea J. Hessling, George Jenkins; Jason Land, Lafayette; Clint L. McWaters, Okeechobee; Kelly J. Philman, Bell; DeAnne Poveromo, New Smyrna Beach; Eric B. Puleo, Gaither; Matt E. Ramsey, Sneads; Torrey C. Riley, Sebring; Keith Shiver, Lafayette; Kerry R. Smith, Frostproof; Amy E. Stotler, West Orange; Chris Urquhart, Bethlehem; Daniel B. Watson, Dixie County; Bobbie L. Wescott, Bradford.

Congratulations to all who received this honor.

Florida FFA Honors Eight

The Florida FFA Association honored eight Floridians by bestowing upon them the Honorary State FFA Degree, The association's highest membership degree.

Those selected to honorary membership for 1996 were:

Mrs. Janet Jackson, IMC - Agrico
Mr. James Hopkins, Publix
Mrs. Angie Gordon, Polk County Schools
Mr. Bobby Ray Durden, Gadsden County Extension Service
Mr. A.M. "Bo" Chason, Florida Department of Transportation
Mr. L. Douglas Register, State FFA Director
Mr. Wendell Colson, Retired Chairman, Sun Bank
Dr. Byron French, Department of Agricultural Engineering, University of Florida

Who's Who at the 1996 State FFA Convention!

Directions: Find the answers for the following clues, numbers 1-40. Fill in your answers in the space provided. Next, locate these "Winners" in the word search puzzle. Good Luck!

Clues - Who was ...

1. The State Star Greenhand?
2. The Area I State Vice President in 95-96?
3. The Forest Management Proficiency Winner?
4. The State Agribusiness Management Team Champs?
5. The Florida Agriscience Teacher of the Year?
6. The State Agricultural Mechanics Team Champs?
7. The Jr. Livestock Judging Champs?
8. The visiting National FFA Officer from Texas?
9. One of the Secretary's Book Winners?
10. The 1995-96 Area III State Vice-President?
11. The Ag Processing Proficiency Winner?
12. The State Star Agribusinessman?
13. The Penny Harvest Champs?
14. The Jr. Ornamental Horticulture Team Champs?
15. The Speciality Animal Proficiency Winner?
16. The State Forestry Team Champs?
17. The 1995-96 Area IV State Vice-President?
18. The Outstanding District Officer?
19. The State Livestock Judging Team Champs?
20. The Diversified Corp Proficiency Winner?
21. The FFA Outstanding FFA Member?
22. The Area II State Vice-President in 1995-96?
23. The other Secretary's Book Contest Winner?
24. The State Winner in Extemporaneous Speaking?
25. The Emerging Technology Proficiency Winner?
26. A Treasurer's Book Award Winner?
27. The State Dairy Judging Champs?
28. The Agriscience Student of the Year?
29. The State Land Judging Team Champs?
30. The 1995-96 Area VI State Vice-President?
31. The State FFA Alumni President?
32. The 1995-96 Horse Judging Team Champs?
33. The State FFA President in 1995-96?
34. The State Star Farmer?

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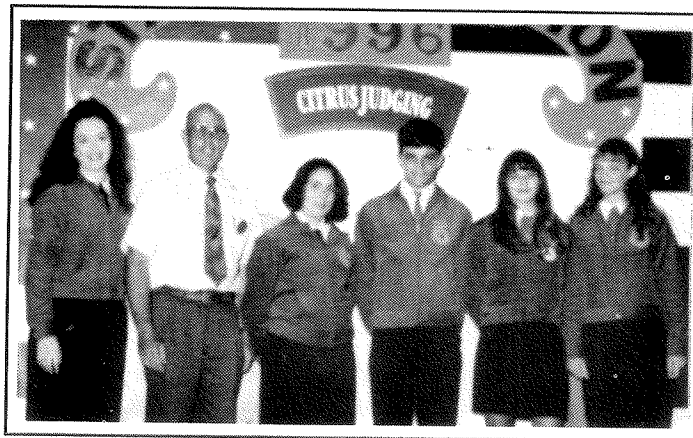
35. The Area V State Vice-President?
36. The National Officer Candidate from Florida in '96?
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37. The Highest FFA Degree given by the Florida Association?
38. The Award given to Chapters for Outstanding Participation in the FFA Proficiency Program?
39. The Award given to Chapters with 100% Membership?
40. The Highest FFA Degree a Member can Receive?
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CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENTS



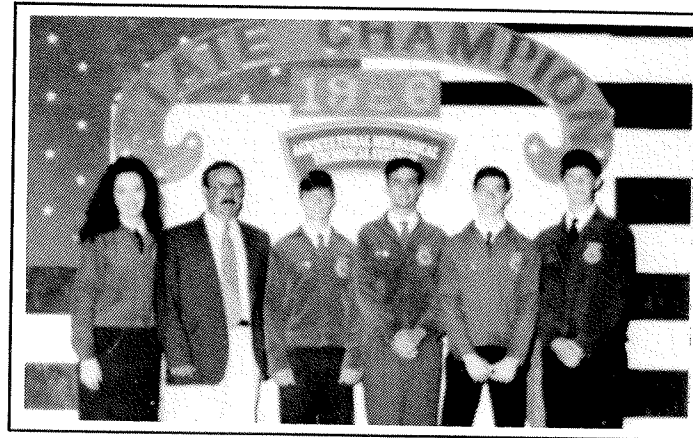
(Left to Right) Mandy Moss, Area III Vice President; Ricky Odom, Advisor and South Lake Sr. team members.

Agribusiness Management — The State winner in the Agribusiness Management contest was the South Lake Sr. FFA Chapter. This CDE consisted of a written exam which covers all aspects of agribusiness management. The test includes general knowledge and problem solving. Team members include: Casey Ferguson, Kenneth Camp, Jennifer Hart and Robby Stubb. Their Advisor is Mr. Ricky Odom. The state sponsor for the Agribusiness Management contest is Florida Financial Services. 2nd place - Branford Sr. FFA Chapter; 3rd place - Williston Sr. FFA Chapter; 4th place - Lake Butler Sr. FFA Chapter; 5th place - Taylor Sr. FFA Chapter. The high individual was Tim Ahern from the Williston Sr. FFA Chapter.



(Left to Right) Mandy Moss, Area III Vice President; Jack Halabrin, Advisor and Haines City Sr. Citrus team members.

Citrus — The State winner in the Citrus Judging contest was the Haines City Sr. FFA Chapter. This CDE consisted of citrus variety and rootstock identification along with the i.d. of insects and diseases of citrus. Team members include: Kathryn Thornhill, Joy Hagnie, Brent Addison and Shelly Vincent. Their Advisor is Jack Halabrin. 2nd place - Frostproof Sr. FFA Chapter; 3rd place - Haines City Sr. FFA Chapter; 4th place - Dade City Sr. FFA Chapter; 5th place - Fort Mead Sr. FFA Chapter. The high individual was Kathryn Thornhill from the Haines City FFA Chapter.



(Left to Right) Mandy Moss, Area III Vice President; Hiram Tyson, Advisor and members of the Vernon Sr. team.

Ag Mechanics — The State winner in the Ag Mechanics contest was the Vernon Sr. FFA Chapter. This CDE consisted of both written and hands on demonstration of agricultural mechanics knowledge. Team members include: Jerry Sapp, Olen Pettis, Jason Rogers and Jeff Riley. Their Advisor is Mr. Hiram Tyson. The state sponsor for the Ag Mechanics contest is Everglades Farm Equipment. 2nd place - Chiefland Sr. FFA Chapter; 3rd place - Trenton Sr. FFA Chapter; 4th place - Columbia Sr. FFA Chapter; 5th place - Ponce De Leon Sr. FFA Chapter. The high individual was Pat Resmondo from the Tate Sr. FFA Chapter.



(Left to Right) Mandy Moss, Area III Vice President; Members, Trenton Dairy Judging Team; Michelle Walker-Crawford, Advisor; John Larson representing Florida Dairy Farmers Association.

Dairy Judging — The State winner in the Dairy Judging contest was the Trenton Sr. FFA Chapter. This CDE consisted of six placing classes and one set of oral reasons. Major breeds of cows and heifers were judged. Team members include: Ashley Brown, Kim Pittman, Dustin Jones and Devon Beach. Their Advisor is Mrs. Michelle Walker-Crawford. The state sponsor for the Dairy Judging Contest is the Florida Dairy Farmers Association. 2nd place - Plant City FFA Chapter; 3rd place - Okeechobee FFA Chapter; 4th place - Santa Fe FFA Chapter; 5th place - Chipley FFA Chapter.

CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENTS



(Left to Right) Mandy Moss, Area III Vice President; Tom Williams, Advisor; Members, Lake Butler Forestry Team members and Jeremy Burris, Area V Vice President.

Forestry — The State winner in the Forestry contest was the Lake Butler Sr. FFA Chapter. This CDE consisted of a general forestry knowledge exam along with skill demonstration of various forestry management techniques. Team members include: Jason Parrish, Chad Harrison, Keith Kirby and Matt Hedrick. Their Advisor is Tom Williams. 2nd place - Plant City Sr. FFA Chapter; 3rd place - Bronson Sr. FFA Chapter; 4th place - Liberty Sr. FFA Chapter; 5th place - Sebring Sr. FFA Chapter.



(Left to Right) Mandy Moss, Area III Vice President; Ted Lynn, Advisor; Members, Charlotte Land Judging Team members; and Jeremy Burris, Area V Vice President.

Land Judging — The State winner in the Land Judging contest was the Charlotte Sr. FFA Chapter. This CDE consisted of classifying soil types and identifying slope along with evaluation of home sites. Team members include: Melanie Church, Trisha Lurtz, Blaine Lewis and Steve Groves. Their Advisor is Mr. Ted Lynn. The state sponsor for the Land Judging contest is the Soil and Water Conservation Society and the Florida FFA Foundation. 2nd place - Malone Sr. FFA Chapter; 3rd place - Crescent City Sr. FFA Chapter; 4th place - Dunnellon Sr. FFA Chapter; 5th place - Ponce De Leon Sr. FFA Chapter. The high individual was Melanie Church from the Charlotte Sr. FFA Chapter.



(Left to Right) Mandy Moss, Area III Vice President; John Kelly, Advisor; Members, Tate Horse Judging Team; Stephanie Scott, Florida Thoroughbred Charities.

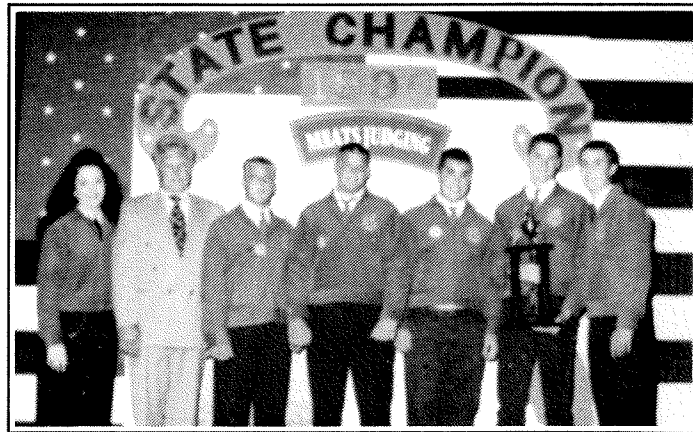
Horse Judging — The State winner in the Horse Judging contest was the Tate Sr. FFA Chapter. This CDE involved eight placing classes ranging from Western Pleasure to Halter. Team members included: Kelly Prichett, Kristen Arnold, Terrie Ausborn and Cheyenne Gibbs. Their Advisor is Mr. Pete Gindl. The state Sponsor for the Horse Judging contest is the Florida Thoroughbred Charities. 2nd place - Santa Fe FFA Chapter; 3rd place - Gaither FFA Chapter; 4th place - Okeechobee Brahman FFA Chapter; 5th place - Auburndale FFA Chapter. The high individual was Ashley Kicks from the Lake Placid FFA Chapter.



(Left to Right) Mandy Moss, Area III Vice President; Robert Philpot, Advisor; Members, Williston Livestock Judging Team; Fred Dietrich representing Florida Santa Gertrudis Association & Rocky Hammock Ranch and Cattle Company.

Livestock Judging — The State winner in the Livestock Judging contest was the Williston Sr. FFA Chapter. This CDE consisted of placing classes in breeding cattle, market swine, and breeding swine. Participants were also required to evaluate steers and swine as well as present two sets of oral reasons before a panel of judges. Team members include: Todd Davis, James Mayton, Raul Perez and Slade Williams. Their Advisor is Mr. Robert Philpot. The state sponsor for the Livestock Judging contest is the Rocky Hammock Ranch and Cattle Company and the Florida State Gertrudis Association. 2nd place - Dade City Sr. FFA Chapter; 3rd place - Taylor Sr. FFA Chapter; 4th place - Santa Fe Sr. FFA Chapter; 5th place - Taylor Jr. FFA Chapter. The high individual was Josh Wilson from the Okeechobee Brahman Sr. FFA Chapter.

CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENTS



(Left to Right) Mandy Moss, Area III Vice President; George Trentfield, Advisor and the Umatilla Meats Team members along with Jeremy Burris, Area V Vice President.

Meats — The State winner in the Meats Judging contest was the Umatilla Sr. FFA Chapter. This CDE consisted of retail meat identification, placing pork and beef cuts and beef grading. Team members include: David Wagner, Benny Kaupski, Jason Jones and Wendy Pranger. Their Advisor is Mr. George Trentfield. The state sponsor for the Meats Judging contest is Winn Dixie Stores. 2nd place - Dade City Sr. FFA Chapter; 3rd place - Williston Sr. FFA Chapter; 4th place - South Lake Jr. FFA Chapter; 5th place - Taylor Sr. FFA Chapter. The high individual was Casey Ferguson from the South Lake Sr. FFA Chapter.



(Left to Right) Mandy Moss, Area III Vice President; Charlotte Emerson, Advisor; Members, State Parliamentary Procedure Team; Scott Christmas, Florida Farm Bureau Federation.

Parliamentary Procedure — The State winner in the Parliamentary Procedure contest was the Lake Butler Sr. FFA Chapter. Team members include: Keith Kirby, Nadia Hardan, Wendy Burton, Jodi Dicks, Blake Dicks and Robbie Cason. Their Advisor is Charlotte Emerson. 2nd place - Lafayette Sr. FFA Chapter; 3rd place - Taylor Sr. FFA Chapter; 4th place - Chipey Sr. FFA Chapter; 5th place - Sebring FFA Chapter. This CDE consists of several levels of competition and answering six questions to display their Parliamentary procedure knowledge. Florida Farm Bureau sponsors this event.



(Left to Right) Mandy Moss, Area III Vice President; Jana Register, Advisor; Taylor Ornamental Horticulture Team members; and Jeremy Burris Area V Vice President.

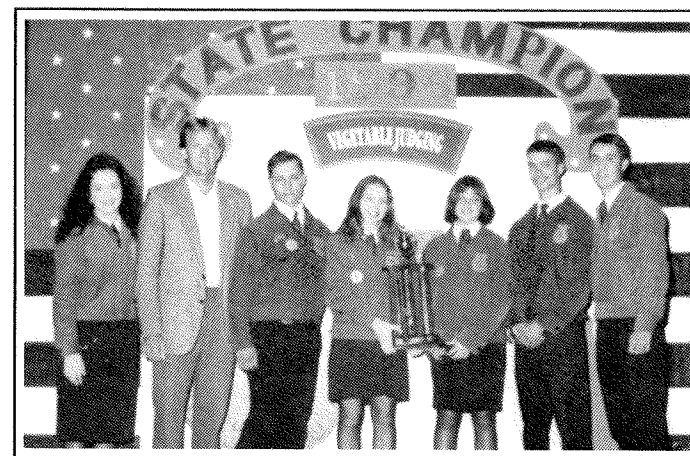
Ornamental Horticulture — The State winner in the Ornamental Horticulture Judging contest was the Taylor Sr. FFA Chapter. This CDE consisted of four placing classes or ornamental plants in addition to the identification of woody ornamentals, insects, diseases, flowers, foliage plants, and turf grasses. Team members include: Maggie Goodin, Buffi Strickland, Tara Clark and Melinda Smiley. Their Advisor is Jana Register. 2nd place - Plant City Sr. FFA Chapter; 3rd place - J.G. Smith Sr. FFA Chapter; 4th place - Crescent City Sr. FFA Chapter; 5th place - North Marion Sr. FFA Chapter. The event is sponsored by the Central Florida Fair.



(Left to Right) Mandy Moss, Area III Vice President; Tom Williams, Advisor; Members, Lake Butler Poultry Judging Team; Gary Bartley representing Florida Poultry Federation.

Poultry Judging — The State winner in the Poultry Judging contest was the Lake Butler Sr. FFA Chapter. This CDE consisted of seven areas which included placing production layers and pullets, judging ready to cook poultry, and grading interior and exterior egg quality. Team members include: Wendy Burton, Tammy Yarbrough, Amanda Elixson and Karrie Hersey. Their Advisor is Mr. Tom Williams. The state sponsor for the Poultry Judging contest is the Florida Poultry Federation, Inc. 2nd place - Ponce De Leon Sr. FFA Chapter; 3rd place - Lake Butler Jr. FFA Chapter; 4th place - Taylor Sr. FFA Chapter; 5th place - Cottdonale Sr. FFA Chapter. The high individual was Jolie Gillis from the Ponce De Leon Sr. FFA Chapter.

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(Left to Right) Mandy Moss, Area III Vice President; Tim App, Orlando Colonial Team Members; and Jeremy Burns, Area V Vice President

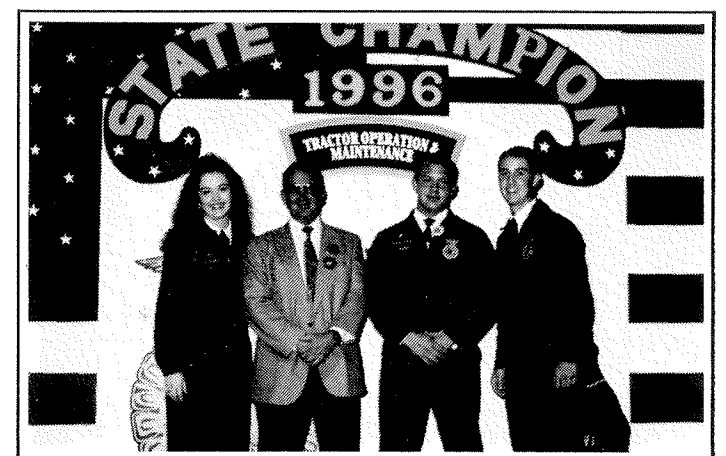
Vegetable Judging — The Orlando Colonial Sr. Vegetable Judging Team was named the State Championship Team. This CDE consisted of the identification of vegetable varieties, insects, diseases, weeds, seeds and nutrient deficiencies in addition to evaluating and grading vegetables in placing classes. Team members were: Bobby Papka, Melissa Mulkey, Jennifer Acquino and Shaun Mofett. The State Sponsor is Zelwin Farms. 2nd place - Taylor Sr. FFA Chapter; 3rd place - Dade City Sr. FFA Chapter; 4th place - South Lake Sr. FFA Chapter; 5th place - South Sumter Sr. FFA Chapter.



(Left to Right) Mandy Moss, Area III Vice President; Justin Tomlinson, Advisor; Members, Okeechobee Yearlings Dairy Judging Team; John Larson, Larson Dairy, Inc.

Career Development Event: Dairy Judging
Jr. State Winning Team: Okeechobee
Description: This CDE consisted of six placing classes and one set of oral reasons. Major breeds of cows and heifers were judged.
State Sponsor: Larson Dairy, Inc.
Other Top Five Teams were:

2nd J.F. St. Martin	4th Trenton Jr.
3rd South Sumter Jr.	5th Hill FFA Chapter



(Left to Right) Mandy Moss, Area III Vice President; Thomas Duke, Advisor; Steven Cohen, Taylor Sr. FFA; and Jeremy Burris, Area V Vice President.

Tractor Operations — Tractor Operations Sr. State Winner - Taylor Sr. FFA Chapter member, Steven Cohen. This CDE consisted of tractor operation through a course, along with knowledge measurement in tractor maintenance both orally and in written form. State Sponsor is Central FL Fair and Ford Tractor Dealers of Florida. 2nd place - Columbia Sr. FFA Chapter; 3rd place - Plant City Sr. FFA Chapter; 4th place - Kathleen Sr. FFA Chapter; 5th place - Hardee Sr. FFA Chapter.



(Left to Right) Mandy Moss, Area III Vice President; Mike Buckley, Advisor; Southeast Manatee Jr. Horse Judging Team Members; Stephanie Scott of Florida Thoroughbred Charities.

Career Development Event: Horse Judging
Jr. State Winning Team: South East Manatee Jr. FFA Chapter
Description: This CDE involved eight placing classes ranging from western pleasure to halter.
State Sponsor: Florida Thoroughbred Charities Association
Other Top Five Teams were:

2nd South Sumter	4th Ransom Middle
3rd Orlando Colonial	5th Dunnellon Middle

CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENTS



(Left to Right) Mandy Moss, Area III Vice President; Jana Register, Advisor; Members, Taylor Junior Livestock Judging Team; Gary Bartley representing Alico, Inc.

Career Development Event: Livestock Judging

Jr. State Winning Team: Taylor Jr. FFA Chapter

Description: This CDE consisted of placing classes in breeding cattle, market swine, and breeding swine. Team members evaluated steers and swine as well as presented two sets of oral reasons before a panel of judges.

State Sponsor: Alico, Inc.

Runner-up Teams were:

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| 2nd Williston Jr. | 4th Haines City Jr. |
| 3rd South Sumter Jr. | 5th Dade City Middle |



(Left to Right) Mandy Moss, Area III Vice President; Dale Seanor, Advisor; Members, Beasley Middle Horticulture Judging Team; Gary Bartley representing Holmberg Farms, Inc.

Career Development Event: Ornamental Horticulture

Jr. State Winning Team: Beasley Middle FFA Chapter

Description: This CDE consisted of four classes dealing with the placing of ornamental plants and the identification of woody ornamentals; insects and disease; and flowers, foliage plants and turf grasses.

State Sponsor: Holmberg Farms, Inc.

Runner-up Teams were:

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| 2nd Silver Sands Middle | 4th Mann Jr. |
| 3rd Tomlin Jr. | 5th Taylor Jr. |



(Left to Right) Mandy Moss, Area III Vice President; Scott Register, Advisor; Members, Lake Butler Junior Poultry Judging Team; Gary Bartley representing Florida Poultry Federation.

Career Development Event: Poultry Judging

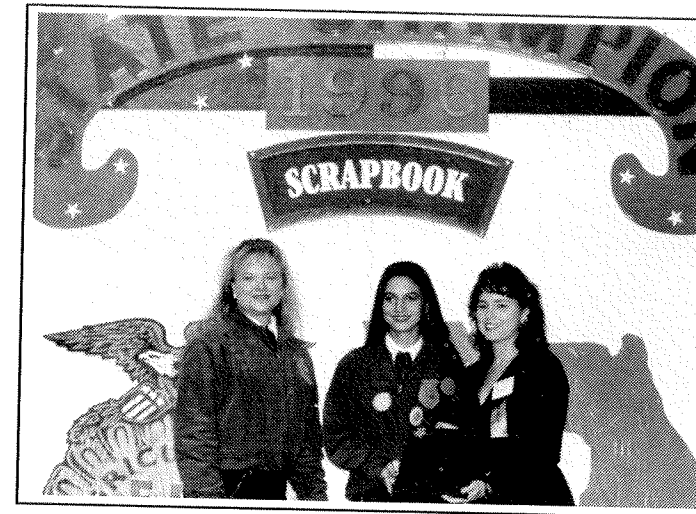
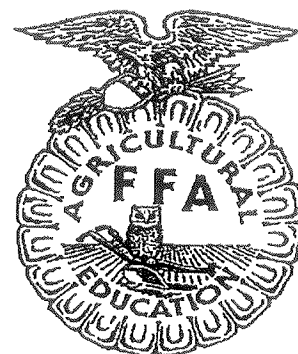
Jr. State Winning Team: Lake Butler Jr. FFA Chapter

Description: This CDE consisted of seven areas including placing production layers and pullets, judging ready to cook poultry and grading interior and exterior egg quality.

State Sponsor: Cypress Foods, Inc.

Runner-up Teams were:

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| 2nd Columbia Jr. | 4th Ponce de Leon Jr. |
| 3rd Trenton Jr. | 5th Interlachen Jr. |



(Left to Right) Ila Allen, Area II Vice President; Chapter Secretary, Meghan McCracken and Advisor Susan Mayo of the Gaither Sr. FFA Chapter.

Chapter Scrapbook Competition

The Gaither Chapter was the winner of the Chapter Scrapbook Competition this year. Other Blue Ribbon winners were: Baker County, Sr., Columbia, Sr., Mulberry, New Smyrna Beach, Sr., Taylor, Sr., Taylor Jr.

The Chapter Scrapbook is sponsored by Agricultural Education and Communications Society. Chapters across the state enter their books into the competition. The Scrapbooks are then judged on several criteria that relate to recording the chapter's "history" for that year.



(Left to Right) Ila Allen, Area II Vice President; Candice Gillman, Ponce de Leon FFA, Co-winner, Secretary's Book; Debra Poveromo, New Smyrna Beach FFA, Co-winner, Secretary's Book; Gary Bartley representing Overnite Convention Photo.

Secretary's Book

Minutes, Agendas and Chapter Correspondence. Who has kept the best records? The Secretary's Book competition determines who had done just that. Two Chapters tied for this award; The New Smyrna Beach Sr. FFA and Ponce de Leon Sr. FFA. Other entries were also judged according to the Danish system and received blue, red or white for their efforts. The award was sponsored this year by Overnite Convention Photo.



(Left to Right) Ila Allen, Area II Vice President; Michelle Fimbel, Gaither FFA, Co-winner, Treasurer's Book; David Thomas, Ponce de Leon FFA, Co-winner, Treasurer's Book; Gary Bartley representing Overnite Convention Photo.

Treasurer's Book

Budgets, Income, Expense and Chapter Net Worth. How can they keep track of all that money? The Treasurer's Book competition chooses which treasurer has completed their job the most carefully and the most accurately. The two chapters that tied for this award in 1996 were Ponce de Leon Sr. FFA and Gaither FFA. The Sponsors for this contest was Overnite Convention Photo.

National Chapter Award

This award ranks chapters according to an application which measures proficiency and success in three areas: Chapter Development, Community Development and Student Development. The Hamilton Sr. FFA Chapter was chosen as this year's top chapter. Other winners included:

Bronze award - Bloomingdale.

Silver award - Orlando Colonial, Mulberry, Land O'Lakes, University.

Gold award - Columbia, Lafayette Sr., Indian River, New Smyrna Sr., North Marion, Okeechobee, Ponce de Leon, Sebring, South Lake, Moore Haven, Taylor Sr., West Orange.

All these winners were forwarded to the National FFA Organization for further ranking. Awards for these outstanding chapters were provided by the JC Penny Company.



Food For America

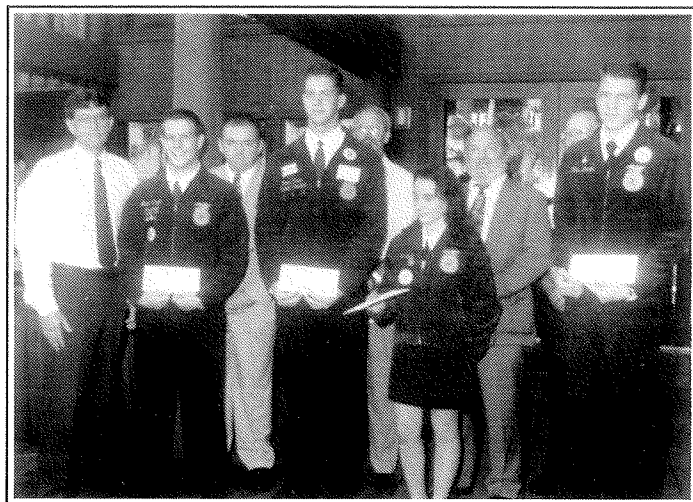
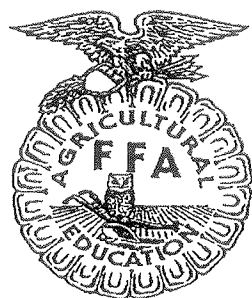
The Columbia Sr. FFA Chapter was chosen to be the state winner in the Food for America competition. Food For America is an educational activity where FFA members teach younger students about agriculture and food production. Other finalist were Miami FFA, Apopka Memorial Middle FFA, New Smyrna Beach Jr./Sr. FFA, Okeechobee Brahman FFA. The sponsor for this contest was the Florida Department of Agriculture.



(Left to Right) Ila Allen, Area II Vice President; Pace Getzen, Advisor; Jill Huesman, Advisor; Member, Columbia Senior FFA; Richard Gunnels, Florida Department of Agriculture; Douglas Register, State FFA Director.

Chapter Forest

The chapter Forest competition was won by the Hamilton County Chapter. This competition ranks chapters on their management and wise use of their chapter forests. Other finalists include Lake Butler, Sr., New Smyrna Beach Middle, Ponce de Leon Sr., and Tate. The sponsor for this contest was Coastal Lumber Company.



(Left to Right) Gary Bartley representing Coastal Lumber Company; Hamilton County FFA, First Place, Chapter Forest; Lake Butler FFA, Fourth Place, Chapter Forest; Tate FFA, Fifth Place, Chapter Forest; Ponce de Leon FFA, Second Place, Chapter Forest.



Supervised Agricultural Experience Award

This award area recognizes those chapters with outstanding SAE programs. A chapter that enters 10 or more proficiency awards in a least five different areas are presented with this award. The chapters receiving this award in 1996 were: Hamilton County, Lake Butler, Sr., Lake Weir Sr., New Smyrna Beach Sr., North Marion, Orlando-Colonial Sr., Taylor Sr. and Suwannee.



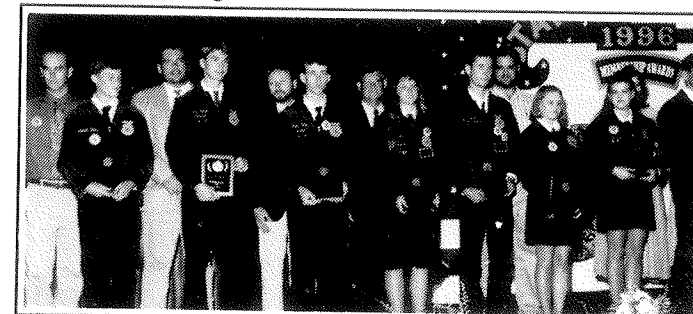
(Left to Right) H. B., Clark representing Florida Council of Farmer Cooperatives; Member, Ponce de Leon, State Winner; Leroy Gillis, Advisor, Ponce de Leon; Member, Orlando Colonial, Tim App, Advisor, Orlando Colonial, Regional Winner; Maggie Goodin, Taylor, Second Place; Jana Register, Advisor.

Chapter Co-op Contest

The Ponce de Leon Sr. Chapter won the Chapter Co-op Contest this year. Our finalist were New Smyrna Middle, Orlando Colonial and Taylor Sr. The award measures how active the chapter has been in cooperating with organizations and agencies within the community along with the teaching of cooperative business principles. The winner receives a monetary award so that they may attend the National Institute's Cooperative Education Conference each year. The sponsor of this award was Florida Council of Farmer Cooperatives.

Membership Awards

One Star, Two Star, Three Star and Four. Those are the rankings given to chapters for their membership percentage. For example, four stars signifies 100% membership. An additional award category, the 10 plus award recognizes those chapters that increased membership by ten or more members in 1996. The following chapters received membership awards in the listed categories:



Four Star (100% membership) - Auburndale, Dixie Sr., Haines City Sr., Hamilton County, Hilliard, Lake Butler, Sr., Land O'Lakes, Moore Haven, Sr., Orlando Colonial, Sr., Ponce de Leon, Sr., Taylor, Jr., Taylor, Sr., Sneads, Walton.

Three Star (90-99% membership) - Frostproof Sr., Lafayette, Jr., Lafayette, Sr., Lakeland, Mulberry, North Marion, Sr., Osceola Middle, Poplar Spring.

Two Star (80-89% membership) - Altha, Bartow, Bradford, Ft. King, Gaither, Haines City, Jr., Lake Gibson, Jr., Madison County, New Smyrna Sr., Vernon.

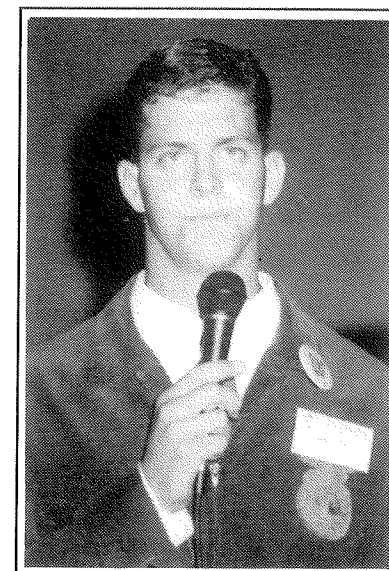
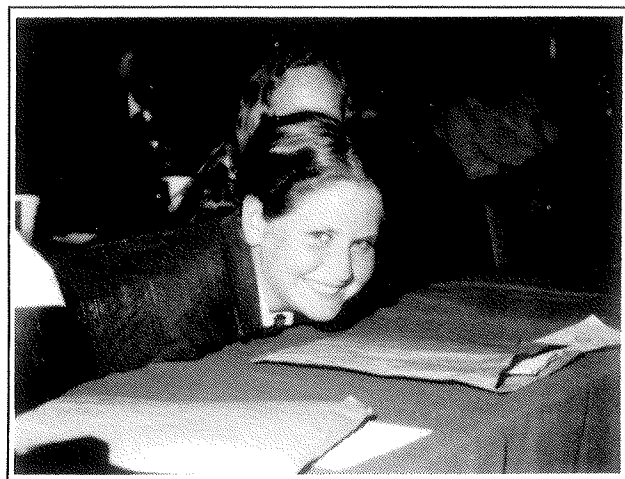
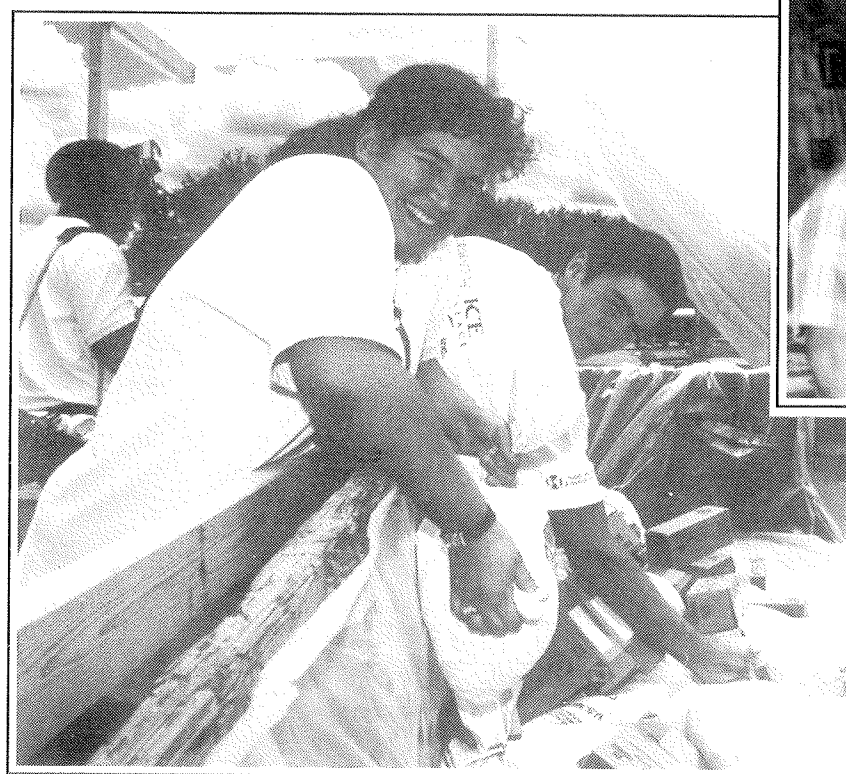
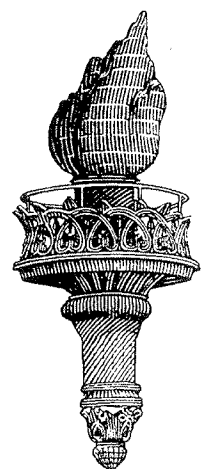
One Star (70-79% membership) - Columbia Sr., Durant, Grand Ridge, Kathleen, King, Lake Butler, Lake Region, New Smyrna Beach Middle, North Marion, Jr., Sebring, Sr.

10 + Award - Bonifay, Brandon, Branford, Dade City, Sr., Desoto Sr., Discovery Middle, Godby, Hawthorne, Hernando Central, Hill, Holly Hill Middle, Labelle, Lake Alfred, Lake Gibson, Liberty County, Marianna, Mebane, Milton Sr., Mulberry Middle, Plant City Sr., Southeast Manatee, Spring Hill, St. Lucie Westwood, Suwannee, Tarpon Springs, Tate Sr., University, Van Buren, West Orange, Sr., Wilkinson. JRA Architects, Inc. graciously sponsored these many awards.



... and they passed it on!

All of the lights are off and everything from convention is stored away until next year, but the flame still burns. The flame burns in the eyes of the new members who are excited about the future. The flame burns in the hearts of those who compete and never give up. The flame burns in the minds of the former members when they look back on their years in the FFA. The flame will burn for years to come, and it has been passed to you. Look to the future and see the light of those flames which burn brightly. Next June, the 96-97 state officers will be on stage, and new state officers will be elected. The spotlight will shine on those members who have persevered and won. Will you choose to light their flame? "Light Your Flame, Pass It On."





MAGGIE GOODIN

State FFA President
Taylor FFA Chapter

SAE:

Registered Angus Cattle Herd

FFA Awards:

State Winning Parliamentary
Procedure, Livestock Judging and
Ornamental Horticulture Judging
Teams

Career Plans:

Agricultural Communications



JOLIE GILLIS

Area I Vice President
Ponce de Leon FFA Chapter

SAE:

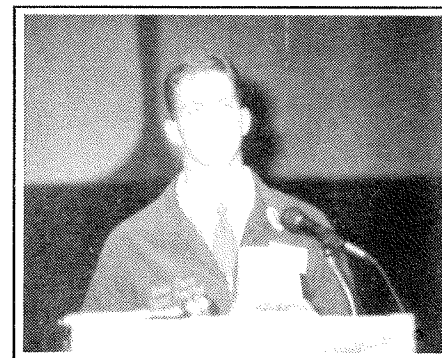
Placement at Vet. Clinic and 75
Acre Pine Plot

FFA Awards:

State Winning Ag. Bus. Mgmt.
Team, Speaking & Proficiency
Awards (2)

Career Plans:

Veterinary Medicine



ROBBIE CASON

Area II Vice President
Lake Butler FFA Chapter

SAE:

Placement at Feed/Farm Supply,
Livestock Ownership Program

FFA Awards:

State Winning Parliamentary
Procedure Team, 2nd in Prepared
Speaking and Ag. Sales/Service
Proficiency Winner

Career Plans:

Agricultural Education/Production



MIKE REYNOLDS

Area IV Vice President
Kathleen FFA Chapter

SAE:

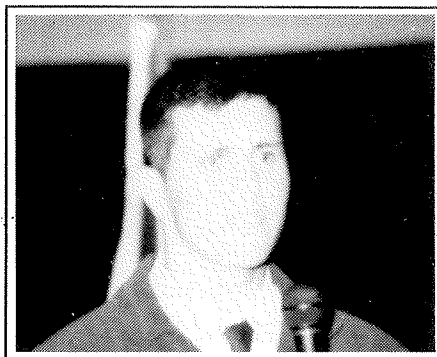
Placement at Farm Store and
Show Steer

FFA Awards:

State FFA Degree Recipient,
Chapter Leadership Award and
Vegetable Judging Team

Career Plans:

Agricultural Education/
Agribusiness



JEFF SATIN

Area V Vice President
Gaither FFA Chapter

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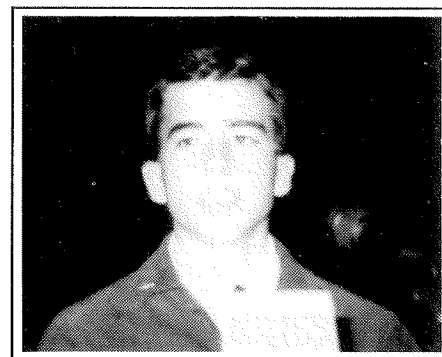
Swine Production Project and
Placement at Produce Market

FFA Awards:

State FFA Degree Recipient,
Parliamentary Procedure Team
Member, Chapter Star Greenhand

Career Plans:

Agricultural Education



JAMES SMITH

Area VI Vice President
Moore Haven FFA Chapter

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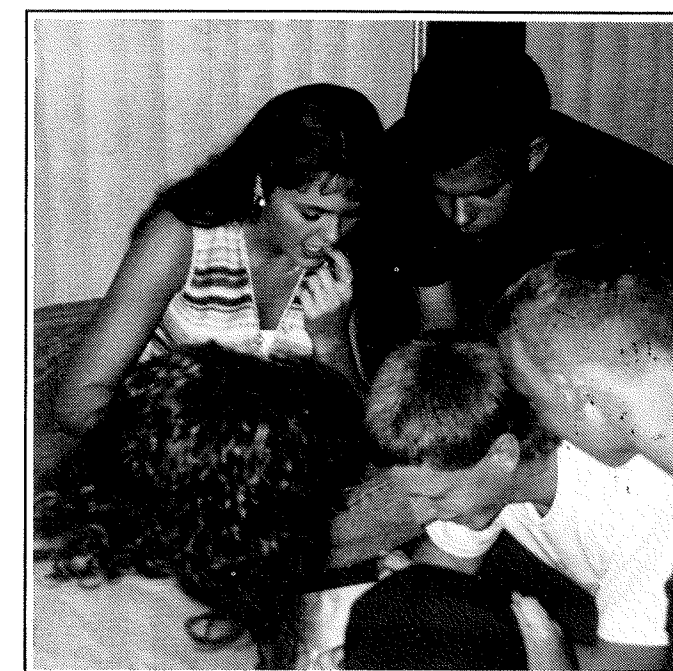
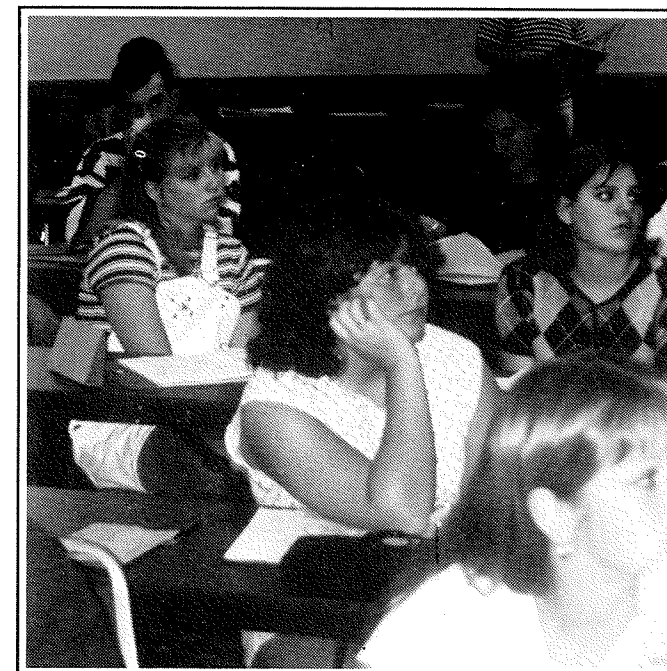
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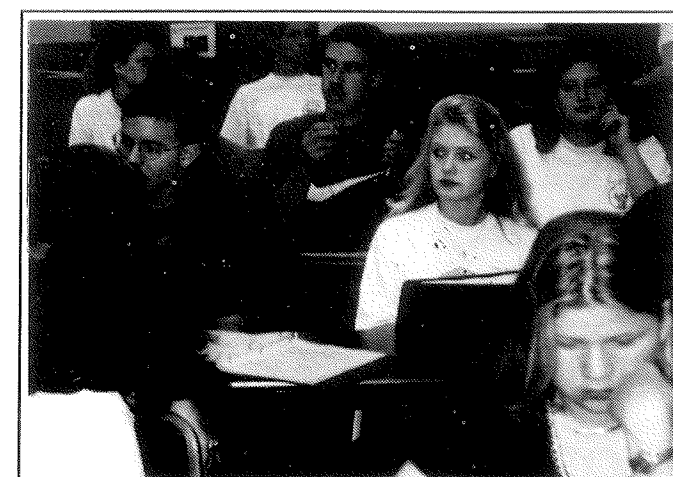
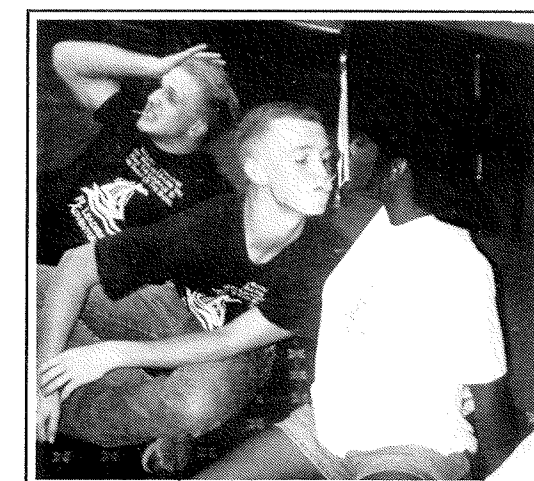
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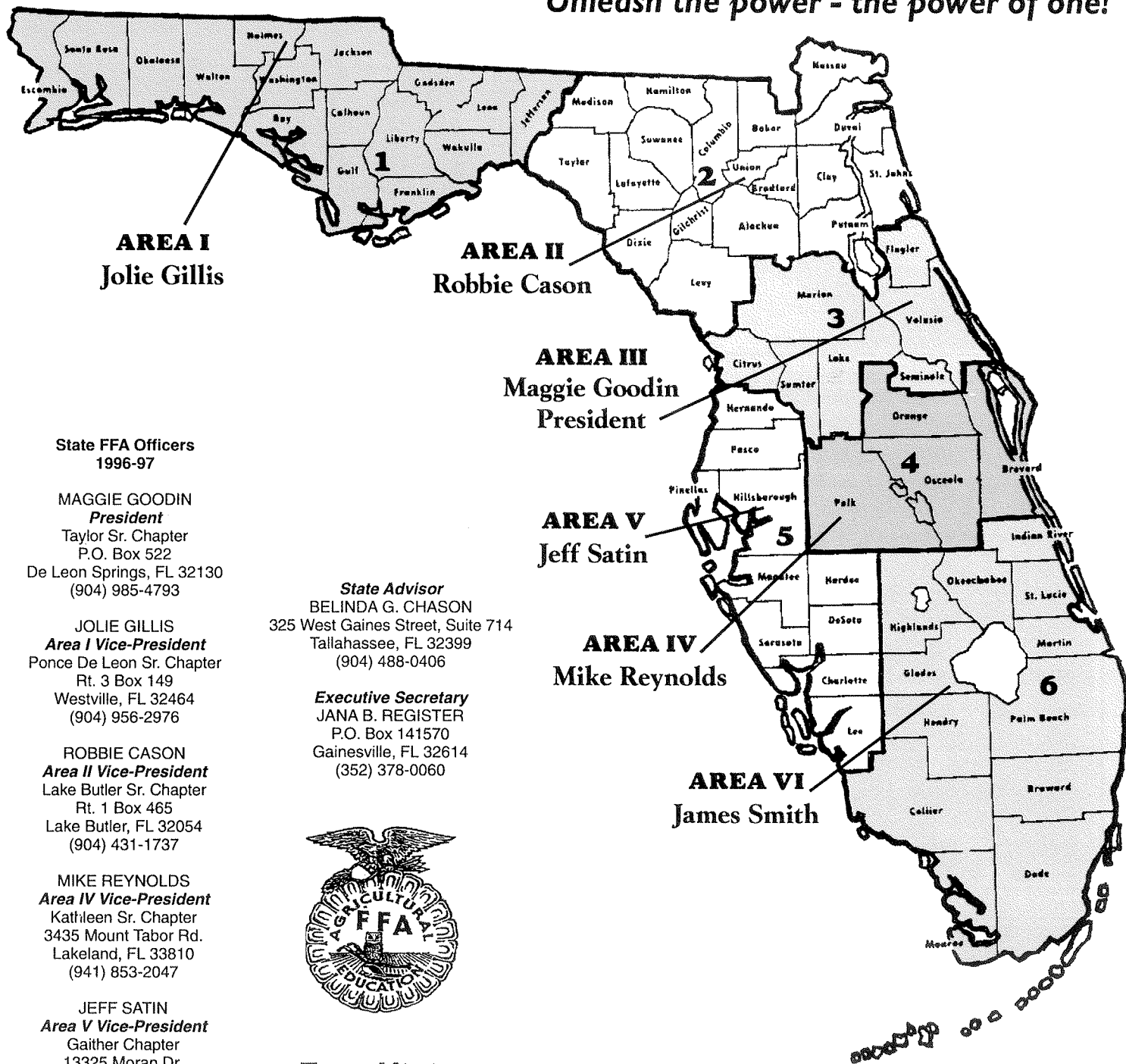
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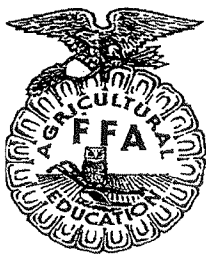
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